

## Urban Institute for Teacher Education

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Re: Jackie Benavides

To Whom It May Concern:

Jackie Benavides was my student at the University of Utah and I supervised her practicum and student teaching experiences.

Jackie Benavides is already a good teacher. She student taught in a second grade classroom and was very organized in her teaching. Jackie took the responsibility seriously from the beginning and continued to work on developing good teaching skills. Jackie Benavides is a continual learner. She is open to suggestions and continues to try to improve every aspect of her teaching. Ms. Benavides fit right into the program and I was confident the students were getting the best education.

I was impressed with Ms. Benavides's strong classroom management skills that she developed throughout her student teaching experiences. She always maintained classroom control and displayed a solid schedule and well-developed lessons. In all aspects of classroom engagement, Jackie behaved like an experienced teacher. As her supervisor, it was difficult for me to make suggestions for improvement because of her professionalism and natural ability. The suggestions that I did make over time were taken seriously and she worked to improve that aspect of her teaching.

It is my pleasure to give a solid recommendation for Jackie Benavides. She is and will be a good teacher and will add a great dimension to any school faculty and grade-level team.

Sincerely

John H. Funk Clinical Instructor