

March 23, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

It is an honor to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Keith Bookwalter. I have had the pleasure of working and learning from Dr. Bookwalter for the past four years in our Dual Immersion Program at Los Robles McNair Magnet Academy. I feel it would be extremely difficult for our school and district to lose such a gifted, experienced principal. Our school has a very demanding population; we are a reputable school with rigorous curriculum in two languages and a population of students that come predominantly from low-income families. Under Dr. Bookwalter's leadership, our school has consistently received the best academic results in our district.

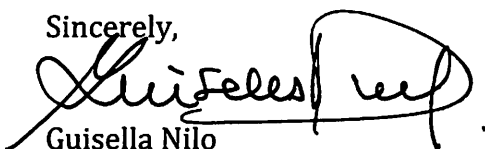
One of the most important aspects of the Los Robles McNair Academy is to try to get our parents more involved in the education of their children. Dr. Bookwalter diligently works to enlist the cooperation of our parents and has facilitated many opportunities for them to become willing partners in the educational process. Our parents thoroughly enjoy his Friday Coffee Meetings where they can feel comfortable communicating their questions and concerns. Another program is a Parent University where Dr. Bookwalter invites an expert to come and speak to parents about relevant topics. This principal has promoted and supported our yearly Multicultural Festival where the school community comes together to celebrate the diversity among us. I am always struck by the interest he shows in working with parents and the respect with which he treats them.

Another aspect of the Dual Immersion program at Los Robles is the implementation of the 90:10 language enrichment model. Clearly Dr. Bookwalter is very knowledgeable about dual language education and an expert on academic research. He understands the program needs and easily adapts in order to make it as effective as possible.

Principal Bookwalter presents an environment of serenity, calmness, peace and respect for others. At the same time, he is passionate and excited about working with our students, parents, teachers, and staff. It is always a pleasure to attend the faculty meetings that Dr. Bookwalter facilitates. He consistently models good listening skills when we voice our questions and concerns, and he is an astute mediator if two people come in with a challenge or disagreement. He speaks to us in a profound way that inspires and motivates us to be master teachers.

Dr. Bookwalter is greatly admired and respected by students, parents, teachers and staff. He is a distinguished principal who would be a powerful collaborator and leader in your school district. I would be happy to answer any further questions about him and can be reached at (732) 865-2992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guisella Nilo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Guisella Nilo
Kindergarten Teacher
Los Robles McNair Academy