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To Whom it May Concern:

I have worked with Teresa Romero at Pathways Charter School for the past three years. Teresa is a highly professional and responsible teacher. You can always count on her to follow through. She was very respected by all of the staff and students. There are many success stories of students who were having trouble in math and after taking classes with Teresa they became very competent math students who actually liked math. My daughter is one of those students.

Teresa taught my daughter math over the past two years. She also provided her with tutoring help in small group tutoring sessions. I cannot speak highly enough about Teresa's excellent abilities as a math teacher and tutor. My daughter had low skills and low confidence about her ability to do and understand math since she was in grade five. Entering ninth grade she enrolled in Teresa's basic math skills class at Pathways Charter School. Other students in the class had similar issues as my daughter. Teresa was masterful in helping her students to feel at ease in class, gradually leading them to participate in discussions as well as in presenting math solutions to the class. She presented math concepts to students according to their diverse learning styles. And she was extremely sensitive about students with math anxiety and never put anyone on the spot.

Teresa presented lessons that were concrete and fun and interesting. Students participated in real life activities so that they could actually experience how math is applicable. For instance they used Hershey's chocolate bars to create and manipulate fractions. They cut out newspaper ads to create posters that illustrated how items are taxed. They made posters as graphic organizers to illustrate concepts. Students made "colored notes," to help them remember math concepts and kept their notes in portfolios.

In my daughter's words, "She made sure you were always clear on the topic and she encouraged us to ask her to explain things we didn't know." My daughter thought that algebra would be too difficult for her but easily understood concepts because Teresa had such skill in explaining and illustrating them.

I've never met such a dedicated and creative math teacher. Students become successful at math when they work with Teresa. You can feel very confident recommending students to her for tutoring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Roberts".

Pamela Roberts
Independent Study Teacher