



CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL
NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

June 14, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I respond to a request from Cathy Ash for a letter of recommendation. I have worked with "at risk" students for the last 7 years and my partnership and collaboration with Cathy has been a key component is my student's success rate.

Cathy and I focused on their reading scores and it was Cathy that created a reading program that inspired these students to read. Cathy introduced current literature in an attention grabbing way that made the books relatable to the students, while at the same time offering a diverse range of reading material for the students to choose from. At one point this year every one of my students had an outside of class reading book and they were really reading them!

One of the most impressive achievements that Cathy is responsible for is the total transformation of our school library. In the past the library was under used with very little relevant research materials on hand. Through the 2 plus year transformation the library was purged of outdated materials and restocked with the most current materials available. The library is now at near capacity before, during and after school. It is a rewarding experience for both teachers and students to use the library as evident by the constant use of the library's materials and professional help.

The crowning achievement of Cathy's work here at Irvington High School has been her devotion to helping every student learn to use and incorporate technology into their projects and everyday work. It has made a tremendous difference in the overall quality of work produced on this campus.

As you can tell Cathy is so much more than a librarian, she is a critical resource and a vital link in our students' success.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Scott Lewis

IRVINGTON

IRVINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

41800 Blacow Rd
Fremont, CA 94538
510/656-5711
fax 510/623-9805

Pete Murchison
Principal

FREMONT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT