



## S. P. Waltrip Sr. High School

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to highly recommend Ms. Julie Brown for any instructional English language arts or reading position you might have available. I have worked with Julie for the past year in my role as a Teacher Development Specialist for the Houston Independent School District. I have found her to be not only hard-working and resourceful, but also in possession of certain qualities that can't be "taught," passion for her craft and genuine concern for her students.

Julie is continually looking for new and engaging teaching strategies as well as opportunities for her own development as a teacher. This growth mindset has had a great impact on her students, especially this year, when she volunteered for HISD's ninth-grade reading initiative. This intervention program targeted the needs of the district's most struggling readers, students who were behind by more than two grade levels. Many of Julie's students progressed so far that they were able to exit the program at mid-term. This success will be her legacy for any district that has the good fortune to include her on its staff.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 281-250-3547.

Sincerely,

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