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To Whom It May Concern:

Juanita Newland-Ulloa and her concert group have participated in the Modesto City Schools' Arts Appreciation Program for both primary and high school students over the past ten years.

Our Arts Appreciation Program was originated by Superintendent James Enochs and is designed to bring a variety of professional arts experiences to all students each year. The program reflects the District's belief that the arts are not a frill; they are an essential part of each child's education.

In October 2000, Juanita Newland-Ulloa and her concert group performed music and dance with an 8-10 piece Mexican Marachi Band. They performed songs composed by women for all of our seventh and eighth grade students. It was a fabulous performance - the students and staff enjoyed the program so much we are inviting the group to come again for our 2001-2002 season.

The group's educational approach to entertainment, brought about by Ms. Newland-Ulloa being an ethnomusicologist, singer and panpipes player captivated the students. The students that would not ordinarily participate in such programs were found tapping their feet to the beat of the music and singing the Spanish songs.

Over the past ten years, as part of our Arts Appreciation Program, the group has performed also for our second grade, fifth grade, seventh grade, eighth grade, and ninth grade students. Their program provides students with an entertaining, yet educational introduction to the music and instruments of Latin America. With Ms. Newland-Ulloa's encouragement, the students and teachers enthusiastically participate in the spirited program at all grade levels.

Ms. Newland-Ulloa's success in providing entertainment to such a diverse group of students has resulted in her group being part of our Arts Appreciation Program repeatedly. I would recommend Ms. Newland-Ulloa without reservation.

Sincerely,

James C. Enochs  
Superintendent