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**Attn: Director of Marketing and Admissions**

Dear Mr. Allison,

Irvin Jijada is a student in my 4th Period Math 8 Class. He has returned to in-person instruction and is making the adjustment appropriately with a positive attitude.

Academically, Irvin has learned the difference between linear functions and exponential functions. Additionally the Area Model Proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.

We will begin a Unit on Solving Systems of Linear Equations this week. Oxnard School District uses the Connected Mathematics Program3 (CMP3) as the Core Curriculum. CMP3 Grade 8 follows the Common Core Standards adopted by the state of California. Irvin demonstrates appreciation and respect for me by greeting me and regularly thanking me for the help in class. Irvin has dealt with a challenging home situation this academic year with the death of his aunt who was his child care provider during the regular school year.

Additionally, his parents have separated recently. We have had several phone conversations with his Mom present on speaker with a purpose of releasing his emotions as a strategy to heal from the pain he has expressed. I know as a public school teacher and sharing our Catholic faith is “walking a fine line.” However, I do know that a Catholic education will provide Irvin with the foundation to discover his purpose in life. A four year Principal’s Scholarship will reduce the added-on stress to a challenging High School College Preparation. I hope your Scholarship Committee Review Board can provide Irvin Jijada its highest regard for the Principal Scholarship. If you have questions regarding my comments, do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

**Michael Hunt, RJ Frank School, Grade 8 Mathematics Teacher**

