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Board Salute

Gaby Lopez - Lemay Middle School

Submitted by: Matt Wood, staff member

I would like to take a moment to recognize and express my sincere appreciation for my colleague, Gaby Lopez. Gaby brings an extraordinary level of care, professionalism, and dedication to her work, and our students and staff are better for having her as part of our team.

One of Gaby's greatest contributions is her commitment to ensuring that our classroom materials are accessible to all learners, especially our English Language Learners and newcomer students. She consistently works to make sure that texts, instructions, and ideas are not only translated, but translated faithfully and thoughtfully so that the meaning and rigor of the original material remain intact. This careful attention allows students to fully engage with the content and feel confident in their ability to participate in the learning process.

Gaby also brings valuable insight through her understanding of our subject area, which she skillfully blends with her expertise in language support. Her ability to help bridge language barriers while maintaining academic expectations is an invaluable asset to our classroom and to our students' growth.

Equally important is the kindness and positivity that Gaby brings with her every day. She is always supportive, approachable, and ready to help both students and colleagues. Our students clearly trust and appreciate her support, and they readily accept the help she provides in the classroom. Her presence helps create a welcoming and encouraging environment where students feel comfortable learning and growing.

I am truly grateful to work alongside someone as thoughtful, dedicated, and compassionate as Gaby. Her contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and strengthen our entire learning community.