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Orange Glen Leaders,

O.G. has changed tremendously in the nearly decade and a half since I graduated. When Escondido Charter High School opened in 1996, with only 30 students, it subtly altered the educational environment in Escondido. With each passing year its influence has grown. Soon thereafter, Valley Center High School opened drawing many gifted scholars, athletes, and faculty away from EUHSD. Demographics have shifted to 80% Hispanic/Latino and therefore about 70% English Language Learners (according to 2012 district CST figures).

These external challenges have not broken the school. Rather, through the tireless work of innovative and committed administrators, Department Heads, and (perhaps most importantly) dedicated and highly-qualified teachers, Orange Glen is overcoming these obstacles. The API score increased this year. Sports, clubs, and afterschool activities are drastically impacting students. As an educator, parent, and O.G. alumnus, I am confident that the school will continue to improve and succeed if it maintains: the right team of educators and leaders, the resources and support of the district, and the fortitude to stay true to its vision of rigorous and relevant curriculum.

As an educator, I have a tremendous amount to offer the campus. It has been my pleasure to spend six years at two of California's finest schools: Diamond Ranch in Pomona and Mission Hills in San Marcos. There I received top-notch training and an excellent beginning. I have acted as an athletic coach, Peer Counseling Lead, GATE Coordinator, and Technology Specialist. Since then I have had wonderful experiences teaching for a Middle School start-up and at less privileged districts including Vista and Fallbrook as well as a leading private international English school. I employ highly effective, best-practice strategies daily and am often told by parents, students, and fellow staff members that I make a positive impact in their lives regularly. As a prospective member of this team I also offer Single-Subject credentials in:

- Language Arts
- General Science
- Social Science

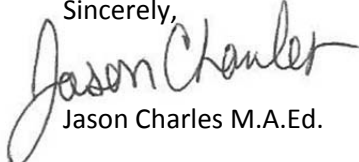
with English Learner Authorization and training completion for AP English and the CSU ERWC suite.

I also have successful experience in the professional world as:

- An animal behaviorist guide at the San Diego Wild Animal Park (now Safari Park)
- An orthopedic claims adjustor for a Fortune 500 insurance firm (Unum Provident)
- An entrepreneur of my own educational consulting/tutoring business.

Perhaps the most significant and valuable quality I can offer to this site is my passion for excellence. I graduated from O.G. as the first member of my Hispanic family to go on to college. My parents were lower-middle class laborers who stressed the importance of hard work but made only enough to pay the bills. I knew then that my opportunity was going to be academic in nature. Scholarships and grants helped me to realize my goals. Many of those opportunities still exist as well as new chances for students to distinguish themselves with highly accessible technologies and partnerships with industries in technical fields. My heart is to connect students with those aspirations with the confidence, knowledge, and success they need to realize their potential, just like I did.

Sincerely,



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