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Letter of Support for Jose Castellanos

NASRO members and respected members of the evaluation committee,

It is my distinct honor to write this letter in support of Jose Castellanos; a leader, mentor, influencer, friend, and someone always ready with a smile and hug for anyone in need. Jose represents the finest fabric, both soft and durable, strong yet gentle. The same very fabric that is woven so intricately within Booker High School, Jose's influence touches all.

As a leader of an on-campus program focusing on careers in law enforcement, Jose has made tremendous impacts on student lives through his persistent and genuine efforts to show every aspect of a career in law enforcement. Sharing intimate details of his previous employment with the NYPD with students through prepared presentations and impromptu discussions, allowing students to peel back the layers of his current job as an SRO, to offering career guidance and his professional perspective to the next generation of law enforcement personnel. Jose has been an invaluable resource to me as an educator, answering the many questions I have had related to law enforcement as they arise within my program and by offering his unique insights as I endeavor to grow my program. There simply is not enough I can write in one page to extol Officer Jose Castellanos enough.

A School Resource Officer is a job, one that carries a title and a nameplate. Officer Jose Castellanos is immeasurably more than that. He takes his job as an SRO seriously, he is always prepared to protect the students of Booker High School, but it is through his exemplary service where he shines. Jose is a man of great honor, passion, and fortitude, a great friend and colleague and a personal haven for those in need. His devotion to the needs of the students, staff and school community are matched by none, and his impact felt by all.

I truly hope that all students, school staffs and school communities were able to have such a remarkable leader as a School Resource Officer built from the same mold as Officer Jose Castellanos. It is my sincere privilege to present to you my support of Jose Castellanos for the Regional Exceptional Service Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan J. Kelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Mr. Ryan J. Kelley