

February 26, 2025

Dear Governing Board Members,

It is my privilege and honor to nominate Catalina Buffum as a Manzanita Super Volunteer. The strength of Manzanita lies in its remarkable volunteers, and none exemplify this spirit better than Catalina Buffum. Since 2017, when her daughter Jayden began her journey at our school, Catalina has been an extraordinary force in our community.

Her leadership roles tell only part of the story: three impactful years as Fundraising Vice President, three years managing Spirit Wear, and currently serving as our dedicated Volunteer Coordinator. At every school event - from Family Evening of the Arts & Culture to Read-A-Thons, Book Fairs to Picture Days - you'll find Catalina leading by example, arriving first and staying until the very end.

Beyond these formal roles, it's Catalina's unwavering presence and commitment that truly sets her apart. Her boundless energy and genuine care for our school community have elevated countless events and initiatives.

Catalina's dedication to Manzanita, our students, and our community has made an enduring impact. We are profoundly grateful for every moment she's given to making our school a better place. The Manzanita family is immensely grateful for Catalina Buffum's unwavering dedication and countless contributions to our school community.

Sincerely,

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Rob Henikman, Principal