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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter will serve as an enthusiastic recommendation and endorsement for EI Associates, who has served as our District Architect and Engineer since 2001. During this fifteen year relationship, EI has completed a number of projects on our behalf including roof and window replacements at all District schools, installation of an emergency generator at the High School, installation of a synthetic turf soccer field, lavatory renovations, parapet restoration at the elementary schools, replacement of a deteriorated ceilings, and structural evaluation of an elementary school gymnasium to name a few.

In addition, EI Associates has provided ongoing assistance with a number of important items such as comprehensive facility assessments and LRFP updates, schematic designs for security upgrades at the District elementary schools, consulting services for drainage issues and structural concerns, DOE and ROD Grant submissions and Referendum and second question funding assistance.

A factor that separates EI from other design firms is the fact that they have architecture and engineering services under one roof. In addition, their in-house educational specialist provides important insights into educational program goals and ensures that our facilities continue to support our program needs. This combination of professional services has helped foster a collaborative team approach with our Board of Education, administrative team and facilities staff that has enabled the District to complete capital projects in a timely and fiscally sound manner.

I find the staff at EI Associates to be extremely professional, courteous and responsive to our District needs. Of particular note is their willingness to go "above and beyond" when necessary to assist the District. Perfect examples of this sense of commitment are when members of the EI team personally intervened and were able to cut through a bureaucratic log jam and assist the District in obtaining Round 1 ROD Grant reimbursement funds and their efforts in helping to obtain an extension to execute ROD Grants for a much needed mechanical upgrade during a period of administrative transition. On a personal note, I am very grateful to Michael Wozny and Joe Donnelly for their professional assistance and support with the identification, planning and execution of District projects.

I highly recommend EI Associates to any school district who is considering a firm to provide professional architectural and engineering design services as well as construction administration services. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dina Messery

School Business Administrator, Board Secretary