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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to architectural services provided to the South Orange Maplewood School District by EI Associates of Cedar Knoll, NJ. The South Orange Maplewood School District began working with EI in 2010 when they were hired to complete a facility assessment of the Districts' thirteen buildings to help develop a long range capital plan. The comprehensive assessment was completed thoroughly, professionally, and in a timely manner, adjusting priorities based on the district's needs.

We have since engaged EI Associates as our architect of record, moving forward projects identified in the assessment as well as newly defined projects as they arise. EI has been extremely responsive to the District's needs and are knowledgeable in their guidance concerning NJ Department of Education requirements, municipal codes, and best practices. They also keep us abreast of potential grants and rebates, helping to identify timelines that maximize funding opportunities.

The fact that EI has an expansive support base with on-staff architects, engineers, and educational consultants has been invaluable in helping to guide our facility decisions. I would highly recommend EI Associates without any hesitations.

If you would like to speak with me directly, please feel free to contact me at 973-762-5600 extension 1800.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Schneider
Business Administrator