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To Whom It May Concern:

In 2010, our district set out to increase the classroom space available at our elementary building in order to improve the learning environment. This was done with a 4,000 square foot addition on the west end of the building. Beckenhauer Construction, Inc. was selected as our construction management firm. Working with Beckenhauer Construction Inc. and the construction management process certainly worked well for this project and for our needs. We have had other projects utilizing the design bid build approach and the value gained in the construction management model was very beneficial to the completion of the overall project, and in turn, the district.

Having the construction management model involved early in the process allowed for time and cost saving ideas to be incorporated into the final project. Simple changes in materials and construction methods paid off in reducing the overall cost and keeping the project on schedule and within budget.

The project superintendent, Jim Bargaen, took time to communicate with me, and the staff on a regular basis. Much of the construction in our project with in very close proximity to other classrooms and Mr. Bargaen and his team were careful to keep distractions to a minimum. The jobsite was clean and organized and indicative of the overall commitment to working with us throughout the project. The project manager Tim Gentile was also very willing to communicate about the progress of the project and open to any questions or concerns that arose throughout the process and worked to resolve those quickly and keep the project moving forward in a positive way.

Should there be an opportunity for future building projects here, Beckenhauer Construction Inc. along with the construction management model and their quality staff members would certainly be at the top of the list to work with again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Isom".

Jamie Isom, Superintendent