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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing this letter to recommend the architectural services of Di Cara | Rubino Architects, with whom I have worked with extensively through my role as Project Manager for the Township of Lyndhurst. We serve as financial advisors and redevelopment consultants to many municipalities, school districts and redevelopment entities.

Di Cara | Rubino Architects was initially hired by the Township of Lyndhurst to take over design work for a proposed new, state-of-the-art middle school, which is now in the final phases of construction. The new school will be the first to be built in the township in nearly 85 years. The 145,000 SF facility will serve as a direct replacement for the Lincoln School, which was built in 1884 and continues to serve as a school until the new building is completed.

Once Di Cara | Rubino was awarded the project, they hit the ground running. Under the guidance of firm Co-Principal, Joe Di Cara and Project Manager, Allen Barnett, the design team presented numerous unique, yet practical options for the new facility. Blending contemporary and traditional styles that complement the surrounding neighborhood, the new school will be a 21st Century learning facility designed to meet the newest educational standards, district needs, and demographics. Joe and his design team have been extremely thorough, and have worked collaboratively with the many stakeholders involved, as well as with sub-consultants and contractors. Obviously, a project of this magnitude involved intricate phasing and logistics, and required focused project management, which Di Cara | Rubino provided professionally and efficiently. They have taken care of every detail and work tirelessly on our behalf, which has relieved many burdens for us. Furthermore, the project is on target to be completed by the summer of 2020, in time for students to begin classes in September.

Di Cara | Rubino Architects have quite simply exceeded our expectations. This project entailed a complex facility built amid challenging site conditions. From project management to cost estimating to time management – we have been nothing but pleased with all of the work Di Cara | Rubino has provided. More importantly, we have been impressed with their true professionalism and personal attention during all project phases. The Di Cara | Rubino team is always available for consultation, and their role as our trusted advisor has been invaluable.

I strongly recommend Di Cara | Rubino Architects, and the Township of Lyndhurst looks forward to working with them on future projects.

Sincerely,

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