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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to expressly recommend the services of Di Cara | Rubino Architects, who has served as our Borough's architect, as well as architect-of-record for the Wood-Ridge School District for the past several years.

Under the guidance of firm Principals Joe Di Cara and Jerry Rubino, the firm has designed and overseen numerous projects ranging from simple renovations to major construction. The Di Cara Rubino design team is extremely thorough and have worked collaboratively with Borough administration and the Board of Education, as well as with sub-consultants and contractors. They take care of every detail and work tirelessly on our behalf, which has proved to relieve many burdens for us.

One recent project that Di Cara | Rubino spearheaded was the new Wood-Ridge Intermediate School. The project entailed the conversion of an old, outdated, and vacant parochial school into a new and vibrant public school serving grades 4-6. The extensive renovations included a new front lobby addition that now links two areas of the old school and creates a welcoming grand façade, as well as new energy-efficient mechanical systems, refurbished state-of-the-art classrooms, and new lighting, windows, floors, ceilings and roofing. In addition, upgrades and renovations were made to the gymnasium, cafeteria, and media center. The new school is equipped with laptops for each student, interactive whiteboards, and the entire building has wireless internet access. From conception to completion, the design process went quite smoothly, and the school was ready for the first day of class in 2013.

We have been truly pleased with all of the work Di Cara | Rubino has commissioned for us. 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 priceless.

I strongly recommend Di Cara | Rubino Architects, and we look forward to working with them on future projects. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Eilert, Borough Administrator.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Sarlo

Mayor

Christopher W. Eilert

Borough Administrator