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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today to offer my full support and recommendation for DiCara Rubino Architects. I have been working with DiCara Rubino in my current position as the Superintendent of Clifton Public Schools and my former role as Superintendent of Linden Public Schools.

DiCara Rubino has had a long-standing relationship with the Clifton Public School district prior to my tenure as Superintendent. Past projects include over ten years as Architect of Record designing and implementing over 70 district-wide projects ranging from simple renovations to complex mechanical upgrades and new construction, many of which involved detailed, intricate phasing.

As Clifton Public Schools moves forward with a school referendum proposal this year, DiCara Rubino Architects played a pivotal role in guiding the district through the project's planning phase. DiCara Rubino Architects prepared a comprehensive facility condition report as a valuable resource for the referendum. Furthermore, the firm was instrumental in budgeting annual capital projects and updating the district's long-range facilities plan.

Throughout the referendum process, DiCara Rubino Architects has continuously supported the district by providing detailed referendum presentations at several Board of Education meetings and informative Q&A Forums. The firm's willingness to answer questions from the Board and assist the district in addressing the public's questions has been invaluable.

Additionally, DiCara Rubino's principals and project managers presented proactive leadership and guidance during facilities projects, rather than assuming a more reactive strategy, clear evidence of the firm's dedication to all aspects of a project. Specifically, DiCara Rubino Architects prepared bid documents, provided accurate cost estimates, sought available funding from the state, and attended Board of Education and committee meetings as needed to keep the Board updated on all projects. Furthermore, DiCara Rubino provided the district consistent and on-going representation during construction, often managing somewhat challenging situations, contractor issues, and keeping projects on schedule.

As Clifton Public Schools serves over 10,000 students with 19 academic buildings and three non-academic facilities, many dating back to the early 1900s, DiCara Rubino Architects has helped transform, secure, and modernize our district. Their professionalism, integrity, scope of knowledge, and vision are second to none. Having witnessed the firm's comprehensive commitment to all projects from planning to completion, I fully endorse DiCara Rubino Architects. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Danny A. Robertozzi, Ed.D.

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