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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Christiansen Reece & Partners PC

Dear Jim,

I would fully recommend CRP for your Education Center project. CRP designed one of our new elementary schools, a school with a most unique curriculum. The da Vinci Academy, as it is now known, was an "arts and ideas" concept whose educational emphasis required an integrated design. The ability for students to step out of the classroom into a shared commons area for hands on application was paramount. The Scope and complexity of our project mirrors the one you are about to undertake. The da Vinci Academy is an approximately 56,500 sq. ft. building on a 10-acre site. The construction budget was \$5,740,000, and although the original construction vehicle was through a CMGC contract, a favorable bidding market, and the flexibility of CRP, allowed us to put the project out to bid.

I was quite impressed by CRP's ability to complete the work, under a compressed schedule, on time and on budget, despite the District's ever changing requirements. Their knowledge of Colorado standards for educational design is stellar, and their supplemental research was always thorough and comprehensive. Some noteworthy features of the building include a black box theater, open concept classrooms and a central community area. The facility continues to receive rave reviews and visitors cannot help but comment on the openness of the design.

Overall, CRP is a very conscientious and able architectural firm. I truly believe they have all the skills necessary to design outstanding facilities for School District Re.1 and thus I would strongly recommend CRP for your project.

Best of Luck,

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