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John Palewicz  
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**Re: Edmonds School District Application for Re-certification**

Dear John:

I write to communicate my strong support for the GC/CM re-certification of Edmonds School District. As attorney for the School District, I have worked very closely with the District on each of their GC/CM projects. We carefully review the procurement process and update contracts for every project. Moreover, I have first-hand knowledge by attending each of the GC/CM interviews and evaluation sessions.

The District has done an excellent job taking advantage of the GC/CM process. They practice continuous improvement based on lessons learned; we have made a number of mainly minor but important improvements. For example, the District learned from experience that it was important to get the GC/CM involved very early, and this has yielded dividends.

District personnel are knowledgeable advocates of the GC/CM process. They understand it, and they maintain the relationships—with the GC/CM as well as the Architect. Moreover, they monitor the market and the process of other public entities.

The District has kept its promises to the Committee—for example, training staff, using excellent consultants, and carefully considering whether each particular project is appropriate for GC/CM.

Last, the District staff, and in particular Ed Peters, has served as a resource for fellow school districts and other public entities.

I encourage the Committee to renew the certification of Edmonds School District.

Very truly yours,



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