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Letter of Reference

The Schuylkill Valley School District has contracted with Balton Construction, Inc. to renovate the high school hallways and the bathrooms. The contract value is \$480,971. Balton Construction received authorization to proceed, May 26, 2009, with full contract completion, September 10, 2009.

The work consists primarily of removing outdated wall tile throughout the original areas of the school and installing new tile and associated painting to correspond with a new science section constructed and completed in August, 2007.

Balton Construction is a small company. Both principals in the firm have been on site throughout the work. The principals have understood that it is in the best interest of all concerned to complete the work early, that is, prior to the opening of school, August 31, and have worked assiduously to this end. As of this writing, I fully anticipate, in fact, that the project will be substantially completed by August 25, 2009.

I have been impressed with Balton's commitment to getting the job done from the very beginning. They overcame an unexpected, two-week delay in tile shipment. The principals have actively monitored quality control, remedying small problems before they can be larger issues, to result, we anticipate, in a minimal end-of-project punch list of work unfinished.

I have been very pleased with Balton's work performance. The company has met or exceeded all reasonable expectations. I highly recommend Balton Construction, Inc. for work of similar or expanded scope in other school districts or private sector endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Solomon Lausch, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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