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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter today in support of the work of Kory Brown, Kris Schwab, Curt Pierce, and Tom Schmidt. I had the opportunity to work directly with Kory and Curt during my tenure at Ellendale Public School about six years ago. At that time, I was the Superintendent at Ellendale Public School and the district was using their services to complete a full facility assessment including lighting and HVAC enhancements.

Ellendale School at that time was in need of a full site review to improve the efficiencies of some of our systems. Kory and Curt were instrumental in assisting us in assessing our facility and making recommendations for upgrades that would save the district money. I appreciated their ability to organize the wide range of engineers and contractors that were on site. I also was thankful to have their counsel as we applied for and received grant funds to help us complete the project. In Ellendale we made enhancements to our HVAC system, we upgraded all our lighting systems to LED, and improved structural elements to improve efficiencies. All of these we completed as planned, on-time, and at budget.

An additional service that I greatly appreciated was the comprehensive plan they provided my Board. The plan outlined the scope of the project and how it could benefit our district. Most importantly, I appreciated that he was willing to attend a board meeting to review the proposal in person. This helped calm any concerns of my board and move the project to completion.

If you would have any questions about Kory or his services, please feel free to contact me at (701) 535-0079 or email me at my new email jeff.fastnacht@msd1.org

Respectfully

**Jeff-Fastnacht** 

**Assistant Superintendent**