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Mr. DJ Doyle, President
Richards Corporation
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Dear DJ:

As we approach substantial and final completion at East Haddam Elementary School in Moodus, Connecticut, I must say that it has been a pleasure working with everyone in your company. It's not often in my 29 year career that I write a recommendation letter – especially before the project is actually complete.

From the first day I met with you and Peter to do a scope review, and really to get comfortable with a contractor I had only worked with back in the 90's at John Winthrop Middle School, I could tell your approach would make my first major site project as my own firm a success. Glad you proved me right. I'd like to offer the following for your use:

Richards Corporation's motto is "Specialists in Large, Fast-Track Site Work Projects!" They proved it at East Haddam Elementary School. At an intricate \$1.25 million site reconstruction project, they arrived on site July 5th and are substantially complete 8 weeks later. Their Project Manager kept the paperwork flowing and their Site Superintendent kept Richards' talented men always moving forward. With the demands from our end for an amazingly tight schedule with three other contractors on site, this project went off without a hitch. The Design Team, Contractor and Owner worked together as a team, without issue, to build exactly what we drew. Richards lived up to their motto and I'd recommend them if you need it done fast and done right.

Special commendations to Peter Maddox for his impeccable work and candor as we discussed schedule, costs and the few minor changes we encountered. And a big "thank you" to JR Hotchkiss who was a pleasure running such a demanding project. Never was there a "we can't do this." We were always met with a "here's how we can get this accomplished" attitude. That showed in every single man involved, every single day. Not to jinx it with one or two weeks left, but this has to be the easiest, most successful project I've had under construction. It's a testament to everyone at Richards who had a hand in making this a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Linden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "L".

Thomas J. Linden, RLA