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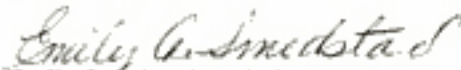
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To Whom It May Concern,

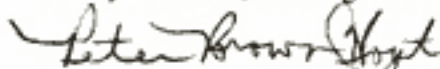
It gives us a great deal of pleasure to write this letter of recommendation to you concerning ARCADD Associates of West Newton, MA. At the Cashman School in Amesbury, we were ready to embark on a \$1.5 million building renovation project due to the fact that we had an acutely 'sick building.' After hearing several architectural presentations that only scratched the surface relative to known (and unknown) building problems, one of the bidders, ARCADD Associates and Dr. Hisham Ashkouri, appeared. Imagine our surprise when Dr. Ashkouri warned us that we would be facing more serious problems if we did not complete a total renovation of the building. Simply by walking around the building exterior, he became aware of many more serious structural concerns that needed to be addressed, and almost overnight, the Cashman School Building and Renovations Project had increased to a \$6.5 million undertaking. As a result of Dr. Ashkouri's assessment, we did, in fact, encounter much more serious problems, and we were able to realize a completely renovated, technology updated facility.

Needless to say, the Cashman School Building Committee was pleased that it selected Dr. Ashkouri as building architect. Dr. Ashkouri has the ability to see 'big picture' easily, and his skilled perspective has resulted in a state-of-the-art Library/Media/Technology Center at Cashman School. As a result of his commitment to providing the best possible facility for educating children, he was able to create a healthy, safe atmosphere in which all students thrive. Dr. Ashkouri's work allowed the project to be completed within schedule (less than a year's time), and under budget, and he enjoyed a fine working relationship with both the general contractor and the Clerk of the Works. It is with complete confidence that we recommend ARCADD Associates to you. We are extremely satisfied with the quality of ARCADD's work, and we are grateful, indeed, to Dr. Ashkouri for his vision, his cooperation, and his many talents shared with the Cashman School.

Sincerely yours,



Emily Smedstad, Building Committee Co-Chair



Peter Brown Hoyt, Cashman School Principal