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It is my very great pleasure to write this letter of support for the Landis Construction Corporation. We have been working with the Landis family and its construction expertise since their arrival at Lafayette in 2002 and all our experiences have been extremely positive.

The Landis Construction Corporation was the leader in the reconstruction of our school library in 2003-2004. During the design phase of the project they worked with a team of volunteer architects, teachers and parents to make sure that all the needs of a school like Lafayette had been identified and would be incorporated into any new library plan. In the summer of 2003, their carefully thought out construction plan went into effect the day after the children went home for summer vacation. During that summer, each step of the project stayed on schedule from the demolition of various walls, to the installation of wonderful new lighting fixtures, to the rebuilding of various areas to make the space more usable up to the final painting and carpet installation. At all times members of the Landis team kept the school informed as to where the project was in relation to the timeline and what to expect to occur next. All subcontractors were very professional in their dealings with school staff, taking time to explain what was happening in the space to people who do not deal with remodeling on a regular basis. This library project has received several awards from Washington architectural and construction groups for its imaginative use of space and design.

In addition the school has worked with Landis Construction Corporation on several other smaller projects. We schedule parent volunteer Tool Time Saturdays during the school year where parents come in and do small repair projects at the school. Landis Construction has been an active participant in all of these events lending their skills to making the day move smoothly. Other small projects at the school have been completed by their workers. Our art room has a new sink and cabinetry that has proved invaluable to our art teacher. Imagine not having water in your classroom for clean-up. Thanks to Landis, that now exists. I can't imagine how we would have been able to do so many other projects at Lafayette without their commitment to this school and its needs. And I know they have reached out to other DC schools with the same level of commitment. I have no reservations recommending them for your project. I know it will be done professionally and in a timely manner. Please feel free to call or come by the school to see our library if you have any other questions or would like to see what they did here.

Sincerely,

Lynn Main  
Principal