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**RE: Aurora Contractors**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is indeed a pleasure to add a letter of recommendation on behalf of Aurora Contractors for the work they did in the Sachem Central School District between 2002 and 2004. I served as the Superintendent of Schools and oversaw the completion of a two hundred twenty four million dollar construction project addressing the educational needs of our fifteen thousand five hundred pupil school district. The focal point of the total construction project was a brand new high school located in the eastern portion of our school district built in its entirety under the direction of the Aurora Construction Company.

From my perspective, the services received from Aurora on this project were outstanding. The four hundred twenty thousand square foot high school is built on a seventy five acre parcel in the Town of Farmingville. Aurora began the project in August 2002 and completed the project in July 2004 totaling twenty four months in duration.

As you may be aware, public school construction must be done within the language of the New York State Wicks Law which requires that the mechanical trades receive prime contracts directly with the school district. It was Aurora's responsibility to coordinate the entire project and to see it through to its successful completion.

From the beginning to the end of the project, Frank Vero, President of Aurora, was available on a phone call's notice. His philosophy of construction and manner of working with us on the Sachem project was a pleasure. His integrity and his word could be counted upon when working out overarching plans or delicate details. In my research while looking for quality contractors I received nothing but outstanding recommendations from previous projects that Aurora oversaw.

The new high school in Sachem was not an easy task. It was built on the side of a hill leading to one of the highest points on Long Island, therefore the details of making this a safe and reliable facility was paramount to our district. Likewise, we had budgets we had to work within especially since the initial project had preliminary and estimated costs prior to September 11, 2001. As the economy shifted after that time it was necessary for us to seek ways of saving money and still receiving a high quality project. Aurora was instrumental in assisting us to achieve our goal.

I wish you the best with your upcoming construction projects and if I may answer any additional questions as it pertains to our experiences with Aurora I would welcome your call.

Sincerely yours,

  
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