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I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much we enjoyed the “design and build” combination that your company offers. Spending time with you drawing the ideas that the faculty and staff communicated to me made such a difference in the final product. Because you had been in on all the meetings from the beginning and knew all the goals, it was easy for you to suggest changes along the way either in design or materials. I am convinced this saved us many thousands of dollars and gave us a product that is more functional and efficient than the original plan.

I also enjoyed the direct availability of Chad Pierce, your architect, even though he resides in another city. The fact that I could send him digital pictures to show what an area was being currently used for during the design phase gave me such a peace of mind. I knew with our communication so clear that the drawings would reflect the changes that were suggested along the way.

Now that we have been in our newly renovated and created spaces over a month, I can say from experience how much everyone is enjoying their new spaces. It was so important to move the offices all up front together. The new glass in the entryway says to everyone, “This is a wonderful safety feature.” No parent or visitor minds stopping to get a visitor badge. Other parents are no longer trying to get into other divisions by knocking on the door until someone comes. They are all going to the front entrance. In the classrooms, it goes without saying that the drawer on wheels that you sat down and sketched on scratch paper with me, is my favorite feature. It creates so much more usable space.

No one believed that you could meet the time frame of six weeks, but I knew your schedule would allow a huge crew to come in and all work on different things. That happened while we were having summer school right across the Commons. It was a great undertaking and we love the results.

Thank you so much. I know you will be ready soon to start the process over again on the remaining classrooms to be remodeled.

Fondly,
Deacon "Boo" Kay
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Edward "Buzzy" Ribbeck since 1976 when he worked with his father to build new classrooms onto our school. At that time I was a teacher. Now I am the Principal and have worked with him on at least four projects. All of them have been related to school remodeling or expansion. He has worked successfully with all of our employees and we have had to have school throughout the construction. This speaks volumes about the way he manages the subcontractors and respects what is going on in the adjacent areas to construction.

Mr. Ribbeck is enthusiastic, professional and wants to design and build what the customer wants keeping in mind financial limitations, time limitations and other factors that go into a joint project. He spends time with the people who are building or remodeling before the project, during the project and also later after the project is complete and the space is being used. He is a very pleasant person with which to work. He schedules a meeting with all the subcontractors and the owner to outline the scope of the work and to allow all the parties to give input to the plan for construction. A complete set of plans and information on how the project was actually built were forthcoming at the end of the project.

Scheduling the project with each subcontractor is one of his strong suits. The project does not vary more than a few days from the targeted time line. This is so important. His cost estimate is accurate and change orders are discussed and billed separately. His goal is not to have extra costs. The requests for payment reflect closely the amount of work completed. It is not just a guess. He is easily available even when out of town through e-mail or cell phone.

I would recommend that a state license be granted to him without reservation. He is an excellent contractor and has the added availability of having an architect for the design and build projects. I look forward to working with Mr. Ribbeck and his company on future projects.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Frances "Boo" Kay

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Head of School