

## AVONWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider this letter my professional recommendation for the HHSDR Architects/Engineers. After a rigorous selection process, the Avonworth School District chose HHSDR as the firm to design and facilitate the construction of the Avonworth Primary Center. This decision proved to be a very wise one as I cannot imagine the project could have gone more smoothly.

HHSDR guided the District through the Plan Con process with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Their insight was very helpful in this detailed process that involved strict adherence to timelines. Throughout the schematic/design phase of the project, HHSDR engaged the Avonworth Administration and Board members as part of the decision making process. Numerous bids were received for the project, all falling reasonably close to the cost estimate provided by HHSDR, demonstrating the efficiency of the firm.

During the initial phase of the construction project there were significant challenges with the site for the Avonworth Primary Center. Despite this, HHSDR provided invaluable insight and support as these hurdles were successfully navigated. As a single prime project, HHSDR worked well with both the owner's representative, as well as the construction firm, PJ Dick. As a result, the project had a very low number of change orders, resulting in less than .5% of the total cost of the project. Most importantly, the project was completed on time and under budget.

Specifically, I would like to cite the professionalism and expertise of Mr. Matt Franz and Mr. Greer Hayden in the completion of the Avonworth Primary Center Project. Both gentlemen were trustworthy, responsive, and understanding that the Avonworth Primary Center construction project meant so much to the School District community. As a result of their fine work, the community has a beautiful, state of the art place of learning that will serve our children for decades to come.

With kindest regards,



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