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Subject: **Charles Girard, General Contractor**

To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Charles Girard as a general contractor with the expertise to oversee construction of green classroom projects.

I am the Chairman of the Board of Learning Gate Community School, the first public school in the nation to achieve LEED platinum status. We could not have achieved this honor without Mr. Girard's leadership and vision.

Mr. Girard incorporated many innovative green building products at our campus including low VOC paints, recycled building materials and alternative insulation and air conditioning applications. Many of the products had never been used in this type of application before and Mr. Girard tirelessly researched solutions and helped regulatory agencies understand the processes so permits could be issued.

Our project was completed under budget and on time. Mr. Girard has remained involved since completion to ensure everything is working as designed.

Learning Gate has been recognized as the first Platinum registered public school in the country, the highest level achievable, by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) and LEED, an internationally recognized green building certification system. We regularly receive international visitors who come to Learning Gate to learn about our unique campus and cutting edge educational programs. We have been recognized in national publications and in the local media.

I attribute much of our success to the visionary thinking and general contracting skills of Charles Girard.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like information about Learning Gate Community School or about our experience with Mr. Girard.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Kroh

Chairman of the Board