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**Subject: Wellpinit School District No. 49
Wellpinit HS/MS Modernization (GC/CM) Project**

Dear Craig

As we near project completion, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the excellent teamwork that your team has and continues to provide to the District and this project.

In particular, Tom Mercer, Project Manager and Steve Rew, Assistant Superintendent deserves much of the credit for the success of this project. Their positive and hands on personal approach to client care was exemplary. They met the demands and challenges of working in and modernizing an operating educational facility head on with proactive and forward thinking responsiveness.

Tom's personal involvement during both pre-construction and construction and the level of detail required developing the project GC/CM bid packages budget, MACC negotiations and subsequent schedule of values to account for the US Department of Education federal grant, OPSI state funding assistance and the District's local funding was exceptional. Tom is a skilled and proactive communicator and negotiator whose leadership was the reason for this project being ahead of schedule.

Steve Rew met routinely with the high school principal during construction to ensure student and staff safety was the first priority and his management of the subcontractors to not impact the facility's education mission and operational needs was outstanding.

As a partner in the WLK Joint Venture, there was no distinction in the level of service or who provided those services during the entire project. The relationship set up by both parties was seamless to the District and me as the Owner's Representative.

As you know, the project buyout was \$874,000 dollars under the MACC which allowed the District to over deliver the project with added value educational and facility improvements in its Career and Technical Education (CTE), Technology, Science and Physical Educational departments.

Paula McGuire, LEED AP, deserves special recognition as well. Paula served as your project scheduler and Washington Sustainable Schools Protocol (WSSP) coordinator. Her construction progress schedules and updates were timely, accurate and responsive to our comments and coordination. She is thorough in planning and followed through on issues each and every time. Her deliverables were always first class and professionally presented.

I would recommend the fine folks at Leone & Keeble, Inc. to any Owner who is looking for a professional team player. I look forward to another opportunity to work with you again.

Very truly yours,

HILL INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell V. Pritchard, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Russell V. Pritchard, Jr, CCM
Director of Operations