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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with utmost pleasure and respect that I provide this letter of recommendation for the services of Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture. The Westhill Central School District has utilized the professional services of Appel Osborne during its last two capital projects. During both projects, we have found their team to be extremely knowledgeable, cooperative and responsive to the District's needs.

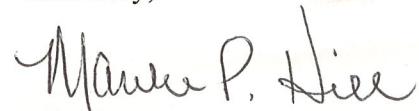
Most recently, the district is near completion of a \$29.8 million dollar project. Besides the normal site work design involved with building additions, Appel Osborne played an integral part in several important aspects of the project. Specifically:

- Design of a rain garden for the LEED certified classroom addition
- Redesign of bus loop, staff parking and the addition of curbing and sidewalks
- Integration of a synthetic turf and all-weather track design to complement existing facilities and meet the needs of the district
- Land development design to provide four natural grass fields (softball, baseball, soccer and joint football/lacrosse fields) in a park-like setting to include parking lots, walking paths, concession stand and field irrigation with two underground infiltration systems and a new infiltration basin

During the project, the Appel Osborne team, lead by Tim Bonaparte, participated in several informational meetings. Tim's knowledge and effective communication style was integral in educating residents, addressing neighborhood concerns and allaying fears associated with land development. There is no doubt that the work of the Appel Osborne team was an integral part in the success of this project.

I would highly recommend the services of Appel Osborne Landscape Architecture to anyone who wishes to employ a firm with utmost integrity and respect for the client.

Sincerely,



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