

NAPA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is with pleasure that we recommend Swank Construction of Vacaville, California. Swank Construction has been the successful bidder on many modernization and new construction projects with Napa Valley Unified School District from 1996 through 2007. The projects have involved new construction of a middle school, modernization of elementary and middle schools and the new construction of multiuse buildings and gymnasiums. The values of these projects have ranged from \$1.5 million to approximately \$5 million. Each of the projects was completed in a timely manner. We were always pleased when Swank Construction was the successful bidder for we knew that we would get a quality project for a reasonable and acceptable amount of money. I would estimate the total construction value has exceed \$25 million during the years that we were doing bond projects and Swank was successful.

Swank Construction has provided for each project Superintendents who were knowledgeable of school construction and demonstrated in each case the ability to work on school campuses with school children present. Additionally the Project Managers that were assigned to the projects were individuals who had experience in school construction and the special needs that always seem to be present.

A project that was completed in 2006 was the modernization of a portion of a 1920 elementary school that was designed to reflect the original architecture while at the same time improved to meet the seismic requirements of the State of California. The District received an award for the work that was done to maintain an historical building and continue to have it used to serve elementary students within the District. We have always found Swank Construction to be cooperative when changes occur sometimes generated by the District and other times by the Architect or Engineer. When Change Orders occurred we found Swank always willing to support and achieve the necessary changes with the least impact on the schedule and cost.

We would without hesitation recommend Swank Construction as a contractor for any type of school construction and would certainly hope that they are part of future bidders that Napa Valley Unified may find necessary. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 707-253-6281.

Sincerely,



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