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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to recommend Meridian Engineering most enthusiastically on the basis of their outstanding services to Lexington Christian Academy. I worked closely with Meridian Engineering's representatives over a two-year period leading to the major renovation and construction of LCA's building and grounds.

Meridian Engineering, represented by Rick Waitte, completed the engineering work and coordinated the efforts of the environmental consultant, architect, attorney, and landscape architect on an extraordinarily complex project. Mr. Waitte shepherded the process of wetlands delineation, drainage calculations, soil studies, and water treatment, and he took the project through stringent reviews by the Lexington Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection.

During these past three years we had entirely competent service. The engineering studies were thorough and could not be contested. The drainage and water treatment aspects posed challenging problems. Mr. Waitte found imaginative solutions that impressed us and carried the day in hearings before the Conservation Commission. Meridian Engineering kept us informed every step of the way, and kept the project moving in the face of determined opposition. We were impressed that Meridian went well beyond providing technical expertise; they were the Academy's agent and advocate with the permitting agencies.

In this role Mr. Waitte was articulate, calm, gracious, and very tenacious. He is thoroughly familiar with the permitting process and we saw evidence that Meridian Engineering is well respected by town and state agencies. I do not know that we would have prevailed if we had been represented by any other firm.

I would be pleased to amplify the above with additional details.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Barry Koops".

J. Barry Koops, Ph.D.
Headmaster