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Letter of Recommendation: Progress Village Middle School, Renovation Project

My participation in the Progress Village M/S summer renovation project was the MEPF (mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection) consultant to BECK. As a previous long term employee for BECK, they entrusted me with this position as they were in need of additional management staff during the summer.

The project was a complete renovation of the HVAC, new lighting throughout, associated electrical work, entirely new fire protection sprinkler system, minimal plumbing, new ceilings, and roof repair. This was a \$7.1 million project to be completed in 8 weeks – almost \$1 million of work in place per week. The school is 158,000 sf spread over 14 individual buildings.

Cox Fire was the best solution for the Fire Protection System installation on this project due to its complicated nature and tight time frame schedule. Only the best organized, managed and strategically minded fire protection firm would be able to provide the new system installation required. This was a decision made by our entire management team.

From the beginning, Cox Fire, exemplified the qualities needed by providing early and well thought out submittals and installation plan. In conjunction with the entire MEPF team, Cox participated in the many above ceiling coordination meetings and provided vertical and horizontal measurements that allowed the entire team to make revisions to the original MEPF plans. Cox's in house drafting team provided the CAD drawings needed for installation from these coordination meetings.

Most amazing was the speed and professional method by which their installation was completed. As the movers were finishing the move of all campus furniture into the gymnasium for temporary storage, the Cox work force was behind the scenes with material, hoisting and equipment required for the 40' high installation of new fire protection lines in the main gymnasium area. Within an hour of the moving staff clearing out of the space – the Cox team was installing pipe. This method of preparation and planning followed throughout the campus and without a hiccup or need for improved schedule timing – the Cox team was without question the best managed and quality focused company on the project.

There is a reason this company is ranked above their competitors in the market and we will continue to place them as part of our construction team. We highly recommend Cox Fire for any project that may be considered.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Layton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M'.

Mary Layton
President

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