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Mr. Jack Ayres SMJ Construction Services, Inc. 1050 Benjamin Franklin Highway West Douglassville, PA 19518

> Ref: Renovations to the River's Chase Facility Berks County Intermediate Unit

Dear Jack:

It is my pleasure to write this letter as a recommendation of SMJ Construction Services for the work that was performed as part of your Contract for the renovations to the River's Chase Facility for the Berks County Intermediate Unit. From the start of demolition to closeout you and the entire SMJ team worked hard to ensure the successful completion of what was a challenging project.

The renovations of the River's Chase Facility lasted approximately one year and included the selective renovation of the existing building, new parking lots and other sitework and the replacement of the existing roof. The project was surgically phased to carefully work around the occupants of the building. Your ability to successfully manage and schedule the work of over forty small phases was very impressive. Your field superintendent, Keith Eckert, coordinated the efforts of your sub-contractors well and worked closely with the Owner's team during the entire project to minimize disruptions due to the project. You and Keith handled the problems and changes that occurred on the project with professionalism and you often presented alternative solutions to save time or money for evaluation by our team. Overall, we believe a major component to the success of the project lies with the efforts of the SMJ team.

We welcome the opportunity to work with SMJ Construction Services, Inc. again in the future and we would recommend SMJ based upon your performance at the River's Chase Facility for the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

Very truly yours, AEM ARCHITECTS, INC.

Justin H. Istenes