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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Math Solutions, an outstanding and collaborative partner that has been providing professional development services for our consortium for the past 11 years. The mission of our consortium—a consortium of 22 diverse districts committed to leveraging their resources as a group to impact student achievement across the boundaries of Southwestern Ohio. High AIMS Consortium has been grounded in the belief that improvement in the teaching and learning of mathematics and science occurs through providing quality professional development for classroom teachers, giving principals the strategies needed to support classroom instruction, and having the full support of the superintendents and central office leaders. Our vision is to promote high student achievement by forming an influential educational consortium of educators, parents, community, research, business and industry leaders striving to attain world-class standards in mathematics and science curricula, instructional strategies, and assessment practices. Our consortium's efforts align directly with the research from the TIMSS study.

Consortium Districts

Deer Park Community Schools
Edgewood City Schools
Fairfield City Schools
Forest Hills Local Schools
Great Oaks Career Campuses
Lakota Local Schools
Little Miami Local Schools
Loveland City Schools
Madeira City Schools
Madison Local Schools
Mariemont City Schools
Mason City Schools
Milford Ex. Vill. Schools
Monroe Local Schools
Norwood City Schools
Oak Hills Local Schools
Princeton City Schools
St. Bernard-Elmwood Place
Sycamore Community Schools
West Clermont Local Schools
Winton Woods Local Schools
Wyoming City Schools

Math Solutions has provided a variety of customized, five-day Summer Math Academies for High AIMS since 2000 and will continue to offer them every summer. Throughout the past decade, we have offered professional development courses to over a thousand consortium educators, including the following Math Solutions courses: *About Teaching Mathematics Parts 1 & 2*, *About Teaching Mathematics for High School Teachers*, *Building a Foundation for Algebra*, *Understanding the Math You Teach*, *Teaching Math Through Problem Solving*, *Good Questions and Communication* and *Using Children's Literature to Teach Math*.

Interactive learning experiences in each Math Solutions course helped our participating teachers learn inquiry-based instructional techniques that support student thinking, reasoning, and communicating in the mathematics classroom, while also expanding their content knowledge and conceptual understanding of mathematics. Participants have come away from the courses energized and enthusiastic about applying what they learned in their classrooms to motivate and engage their students. Math Solutions has consistently provided us professional development services that have helped us fulfill our mission. We have been very pleased with the results and will continue to partner with them as we work to further transform teaching and learning. I would be happy to discuss our experiences with Math Solutions further and answer any questions. My contact information can be found on the left side of this letter.

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