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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend the services of Math Solutions, a collaborative partner that has been providing professional development services for our district since 1996. Throughout this time, our experiences with Math Solutions have been outstanding and professional. We have been very pleased with the results and will continue to partner with them as we work to further strengthen classroom instruction in our district.

The vision for our mathematics program set by our Superintendent requires that: “Each NEISD teacher of mathematics will create a classroom environment in which students make sense of mathematics and acquire confidence in using it.” Because our district faces the challenge, as most large districts do, of communicating and implementing a coherent vision in creating this type of classroom environment, we turn to the professionals at Math Solutions to help us.

In 2003, we began a focused, five-year effort to strengthen elementary mathematics teaching. Math Solutions worked with our district Math Specialists to support teachers’ growth as leaders, to extend leadership support to the primary grades, and to implement a focus on math talk in the classroom by all. We have been very pleased with the results. Teachers and students use the talk moves as they discuss strategies for solving and sharing ways to think about various problems. Teacher leaders and administrators are more aware of what to look for in the math classrooms to help guide better instruction and encourage deep understanding of the math content.

In addition, Math Solutions conducted summer math academies and year-round professional development customized to the specific needs of our district. These programs helped our teachers make mathematics engaging and exciting for students and covered such topics as problem solving, number sense, measurement, communication in math class, and math leadership teams. Attendees were enthusiastic, and principals could see the impact when teachers returned to their classrooms and began to implement strategies with their students.

Math Solutions has provided us tools to help us transform the way we teach math. I would be happy to discuss our experiences with Math Solutions further and answer any questions you might have. I have included my contact information below.

Sincerely,

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