



Manatee Academy

Serving Kindergarten - Eighth Grade

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Jacquin & Sons, Inc. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with this company on the design and construction of our new Middle School Classroom building and gym. Jacquin & Sons has also been the contractor for the remodeling and retrofitting of our existing building. From the start of the project, everyone associated with Jacquin & Sons has worked hard to accommodate our existing site and make any changes throughout the process based on the needs of our staff and students. The support of the Jacquin team that I have worked with – Michael Jacquin - Vice President/Operations Manager, Fritz Norris – Project Manager, and, Jody Modine – Superintendent, has made what could have been a very stressful and difficult undertaking, into a positive project and a fantastic learning experience. The majority of the new building's construction was done while school was in session for the 2006-07 year. The team always put the school, staff and students first in any construction decision. The flow of educating our students was never interrupted or hindered in any way. Throughout the summer, as work was being done in our existing building, the school was able to operate as normal.

Earlier this month our staff returned for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Everyone was thrilled to tour the new classroom building and extremely complimentary on the final outcome. In addition, changes to our current building have pleased all and will also make our entire facility run more smoothly. When students and parents arrived, the feelings were the same - especially when seeing the renovations to our cafeteria and how efficiently everything is running, even with a much larger student population.

Jacquin & Sons has truly gone above and beyond to support Manatee Academy in so many additional ways. For example, the company contributed to our Faculty Welcome Back Breakfast. The staff prepared a map for our parents indicating the new parent drop off/pick up route. During the first week of school, several Jacquin employees assisted with directing traffic through our new line.

Working with Jacquin & Sons, Inc. has been a wonderful experience. Their work is exceptional and the time and concern that they devote to a project is admirable. I strongly recommend Jacquin & Sons for any construction project.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like further information.

Thank you,


Mimi Hoffman
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