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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as my professional recommendation for Robert Kaplinsky with respect to services provided for professional development. Mr. Kaplinsky worked with 6-12 math teachers and special education co-teachers as part of our district-wide professional development plan for mathematics for the 2015-2016 school year.

During the time Mr. Kaplinsky worked with our teachers, I had the privilege to witness first-hand his level of expertise in working with teachers and providing quality professional development. Mr. Kaplinsky focused on providing teachers with thought-provoking discussion topics, practical and engaging examples of effective lesson design and meaningful task selection, as well as simulated experiences to provide specific and targeted feedback to students. His presentation was timely and focused teachers in on new ways to conceptualize mathematics instruction in the secondary classroom.

Our district professional development survey results confirmed my observations in regards to Mr. Kaplinsky's presentation with over 90% of teachers reporting that the day was well spent and useful to them in their careers. Teachers overwhelmingly responded about the productive nature of the professional development and the continued interest in more professional development similar to this experience.

It is my professional opinion that Mr. Kaplinsky's services were valuable to our overall district vision. I would strongly recommend his services to other districts interested in providing quality professional development to secondary math teachers.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Ramaglia".

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