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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Jeannie Kamm and Geri Miller and their organization Miller Kamm and Associates. Make no mistake about it, nobody understands how to organize parents around a school mission and positively impact a school than these individuals!

In my role as Superintendent of LAUSD Local District One, I worked with Mrs. Kamm and Mrs. Miller as they turned Lanai Elementary School in Encino back into a neighborhood school. Their efforts resulted in hundreds of parents returning to a previously under-enrolled school. They successfully instituted large fund raising efforts, and in the process helped developed with the principal a real sense of community. The school became a California Distinguished School in 2004.

When they started their consulting company, MKA, I utilized their talents in many of my District schools. Each time they demonstrated the inter-personal skills to work with parents, principals and teachers in developing a sense of mission and purpose. Their efforts in many instances diffused long standing community concerns and supported administrative efforts. Principals appreciated their ability to help them articulate the school's vision and needs to parents. Parents appreciated having skilled individuals to work with them who they could trust.

Their services to my schools included developing and presenting parent workshops for parent teams and parent-administrator teams. Those workshops displayed a real depth of knowledge regarding methods of organizing parents, fund raising, effective support of principals and teachers, developing a sense of community and bringing parents back to public schools. I know of no other individuals who have these talents combined with excellent communication and interpersonal skills. They simply work well with teachers, principals and parents.

After I became LAUSD Chief Instructional Officer, I began preparing strategies for Secondary Education Reform in 2006. I naturally thought to bring in MKA to work with my team in educating our school site administrators in the area of community outreach. I joined Grossmont Union High School District before those plans were finalized but have no doubt that their contribution to that project would have been of the utmost value to the students, families and staff of LAUSD.

Low enrollment? Lack of adequate funds? Lack of spirit and enthusiasm? No organized, supportive parent group? No real community support? Miller Kamm and Associates, I believe provides strong answers to each of the above areas that are of concern to educators.

I have only the highest admiration for Jeannie Kamm and Geri Miller and Miller Kamm Associates and my very strongest recommendation for the services they provide to schools and parents.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Collins
Superintendent