

# Lone Rock Elementary District #13

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to express my satisfaction and enthusiastic support for Carl Construction of Missoula, Montana as construction manager for public school building projects. Mr. Fred Carl and Mr. Steve Ralls worked with our school, Lone Rock Elementary School, from the inception of the idea to build a new gym, an idea that was brought forth from our town hall meetings, to the final touch-ups to make our new gym ready for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation on May 31, 2013. Their commitment to working with our School Board of Trustees on a building project that would fit the tenor of local expectation as well as the frugality of our Board and community was impressive. Fred and Steve participated in all our discussions, directed us toward cost-saving ideas, provided sketches, mock-ups, ideas, samples, and rough cost estimates all through the early steps because they believed that a steel building could be used for a gym, and they believed it would be a good fit for Lone Rock. The Board agreed, they moved forward, and they used funding from a planning grant to contract with an architect and a civil engineer to lay out the rough form for a new gym. The architects and civil engineer worked swiftly to conceptualize our rough idea. The community met four times to help the Board and architect to design the gym, with Carl Construction at our side for advice.

After the voters approved building a new gym, Carl Construction competed with many other high quality construction companies from Western Montana for our bid for a construction manager to oversee our building project. We chose Carl Construction to manage our project. From day one, Carl Construction diligently made sure that they were complying with requirements for acting as the school's construction manager, worked closely with the architect, and oversaw all the subcontractors on the job. The work that was completed was of unqualified high quality. Each time that the school had a comment or request, Carl Construction's response was fast and thorough to make sure all was right. Every aspect of the job was given meticulous attention, from anticipating child safety to setting steel girders, to doing work on the weekends that might interfere with student learning, to tightly managing the construction schedule. Change orders were a non-issue as Carl had thoroughly covered all the details before we ever got started. The subcontractors were of the highest caliber as well. This project literally went off without a hitch.

I would highly recommend Carl Construction to any and all school districts that would like to work with a company that understands the bottom line of public education funding. In building our new gym, Carl Construction has provided us with a new building and memories of an experience that was positive from start to finish. They went above and beyond all of our highest expectations.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of David Cluff.

David Cluff, Superintendent of Schools