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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of reference for **John Cahal**. John Cahal and his ABC Phonetic Reading School has been a SES provider in the Cartwright School District since last year and I have known John since the beginning of last school year. His school has been very motivated to provide an environment for our students to learn essential skills that they have missed in their schooling. His school has an excellent process of assessing students and placing them at their appropriate reading and math level to build their skill base in these areas.

I believe that the most important ingredient in student achievement is the expertise of the teacher--expertise in a myriad of teaching strategies. John works diligently to provide his tutors with the best possible reading and math training. ABC Phonetic Reading School (ABCPRS) willingly assumes responsibility for every child in their care. ABCPRS is an exceptional record keeper and his school has provided our school with detailed attendance and progress reports for the students in his care. Because of our additional SES support, our school has moved from under performing to performing in the last year. ABCPRS has coordinated the tutoring of over 290 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and students make gains of one year or more with his additional support. Our school is 91% poverty and 56% English Language Learners, so we face many challenges.

In summary, I would have to say that ABCPRS is very dedicated to student achievement. John is an enthusiastic director of our after school program, knowledgeable about the teaching/learning process, reflective and articulate concerning educational issues, especially those related to the basics in reading and math. If you have any further questions about ABCPRS, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmest regards,

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