

GEORGETOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

603 Lakeway Drive, Georgetown, TX 78628 512/943-5000 FAX 512/943-5002
JOE DAN LEE, Superintendent

DR BRENDA ALBRIGHT

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

CARLOS CANTU

Assistant Superintendent for Administrative & Support Services

KAREN DOOLEY

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

DAVID MCLAUGHLIN

Chief Financial Officer

May 13, 2011

I am writing to offer my highest recommendation for Huckabee Architects. I had the privilege of becoming Superintendent of Georgetown ISD July 1, 2004. Georgetown ISD is located on the I 35 corridor and is considered a fast growth district. Providing adequate facilities to meet the needs of our growing student population is a challenge. After my arrival in GISD, upon my recommendation, our Trustees completed a very thorough process to select an architectural firm to guide us into the future. We solicited and screened proposals, interviewed firms, and toured educational facilities that were designed by the firms. After completion of this process, the GISD Trustees unanimously selected Huckabee Architects to represent our District.

Our first charge to Huckabee was to assess our existing facilities and develop a Master Facility Plan. The plan they presented to our Trustees was simply outstanding. Recommendations made by Huckabee included everything from simple renovations, to expansions, to reutilization of existing campuses. Recommendations also included the construction of a second High School, a new multi use sports stadium, and a new transportation/maintenance facility. Completion of the Master Facility Plan will allow GISD to serve our students for the next 10-15 years. The Huckabee team was truly visionary, presenting recommendations to our Trustees that quite frankly, we would never imagined.

After approval of the Master Facility Plan the next major step in the process was the passage of a 97 million dollar bond issue to fund the recommended projects. Once again, the Huckabee team stepped to the plate and delivered. They guided us through the entire bond election process and it was successful. I have no reservation in stating that the Huckabee team was the deciding factor in the passage of a bond election that included two potential controversial issues; a second high school and a sports stadium.

My second experience with Huckabee came in 2011. Growth created the need for another bond issue. Huckabee again performed exceeding our expectations. Conducting a facility assessment, recommending bond projects to our citizens bond committee, and making presentations to our Trustees. Under their guidance, GISD passed a 137 million dollar bond issue, the largest in the history of the District.

As stated before, our Trustees were very diligent in the selection of an Architectural firm and we have not been disappointed. We find their knowledge of educational facilities to be exemplary. The Huckabee team is professional, they listen, and the end

product is one that meets the needs of students, expectations of the community, and can be defended to taxpayers.

My experience with the Huckabee team has been very positive. GISD placed our faith in Huckabee and they have produced. Please call for a personal reference.

Joe D Lee
Joe Dan Lee, Superintendent
Georgetown ISD