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To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider this a letter of reference on behalf of the Forest City Tree Protection Co.

The Forest City Tree Protection has provided tree care services for Laurel School at both our main campus in Shaker Heights as well as at our Fairmount campus in Russell Township that comprises our athletic fields and nature trails. We utilized their expertise for tree pruning, removal, and cabling, as well as some root therapy, diagnosis, and consultation.

I worked closely with both Lauren Lanphear and Tom Mugridge and their crews and can vouch for their professional knowledge and skills, and timeliness of their service. Forest City Tree's well trained and supervised personnel provided the quality work and prompt service that we expect here at Laurel School. They also assisted us in identifying hazard trees for removal and candidates for cabling and root therapy treatments for tree preservation.

It is Laurel School's goal to preserve the *natural* environment at our Fairmount campus, and as such we restrict the use of heavy equipment within the root zones of our trees, demanding excellent climbing and rigging skills. Forest City Tree's crews were able to accomplish the specified tree work while staying within the framework of these restrictions

Their performance at our two campuses gives me a high degree of confidence in recommending the Forest City Tree Protection Co.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Klitz".

Robert Klitz, Facilities Manager,  
Laurel School