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Dear Ms. McLeMore,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for schoolAbility with whom I have worked in two different roles.

Currently, as Co-Executive Director of the New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools (NMCCS) which is an advocacy and support organization for 80% of the charter schools in New Mexico, I refer schools in need of financial services to schoolAbility frequently. In the charter sector there are, unfortunately, several unqualified, site-based business officials who have unwittingly created a plethora of problems for the schools. The schoolAbility team is often called in by the authorizers or the schools themselves to get their financial houses back in order. SchoolAbility is widely recognized for their expertise and professionalism by charter school governance councils and administrators, the Albuquerque Public Schools (which is the biggest district authorizer) the NM Public School Education Department (NMPED) and the NM Public Education Commission (NMPEC) which authorizes half of the NM Charter Schools. SchoolAbility has also been a valuable partner to NMCCS by providing training to school leaders and governance council members at our annual conferences and by sponsoring several of our other events.

I have also experienced the quality of schoolAbility's services from a school perspective. As former Director of Gordon Bernell Charter School, I hired them to train our brand new business manager and cover for her during maternity leave. I can add my testimonial that of many other schools'. Our audits were clean, our budget balanced, reporting was up-to-date, payroll and accounts payable were timely and accurate, and most importantly, our business manager developed confidence and acquired the skills and knowledge needed to do this difficult work on her own.

SchoolAbility team members become part of the community at the schools with which they contract. Understanding that they are integral to the operational success of these schools, they commit to not only providing high quality financial service for day-to-day operations but also for providing sage advice on future planning, facilities acquisition and legislative, regulatory actions that could affect funding.

SchoolAbility is an invaluable asset in the New Mexico charter school community for whom I can vouch without reservation.

Sincerely,



Greta Roskom