

St. Vincent Pallotti

HIGH SCHOOL

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Reference: Robert and Patricia Felton, Certified Learning Centers

To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked at St. Vincent Pallotti High School for 29 years and have been the principal and director of guidance for the past eight years. In both capacities I have worked directly with Certified Learning Centers, and both I and the students have benefited from the experience.

St. Vincent Pallotti is a college preparatory school that accepts eight to ten students each year with mild learning disabilities. CLC helped us to establish a Learning/Resource Center to serve these students; they instructed us in how to write an appropriate Individual Education Plan (IEP), established policies to coordinate our school's curriculum with their instructors' resources, provided extra tutoring support when needed, helped students make up missing credits so they could graduate, and constructed additional testing tools to ensure our students made progress. As a result, the students' basic math and reading skills improved substantially, usually about a 6-month gain from where they started. In addition, many failing students increased their grades to the B or even the A range.

CLC has also helped us establish a reading skills course, a study skills course, an SAT Prep course (where students have averaged a 118 point increase on the exam as a result), and they have lead several faculty development workshops to help our teachers improve their instruction.

In short, CLC's knowledge and expertise have proven invaluable to our school and our students, and should they receive the NCLB contract, I believe those students will benefit, as well.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Edmonds
Principal

