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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Letter of Recommendation — Maystar

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Pickering College.

Pickering College has maintained a valued working relationship with Maystar since 2022, engaging their services across a diverse range of capital and infrastructure projects. These have included a major new construction build of approximately 50,000 square feet, the installation of boilers in our primary heritage building, and the replacement of water mains serving the entire campus.

Throughout our tendering process, Maystar has consistently demonstrated a competitive and transparent approach to pricing. Of note is their willingness to collaborate constructively with our Board of Directors and Head of School and Assistant Heads of School to ensure projects are completed within established budget parameters. Their capacity to offer thoughtful value engineering solutions has been instrumental in enabling Pickering College to realize critical capital initiatives that may otherwise have been deferred. Maystar employs a dedicated, multi-disciplinary team, and their site superintendents consistently conduct themselves as true construction partners rather than external vendors. Their communication practices are exemplary: they are reliably accessible by telephone, diligent in following up via written correspondence, and employ professional project management software to maintain transparency and accountability throughout the project lifecycle.

What has impressed us most is Maystar's unwavering commitment to project deadlines and their genuine understanding of the unique operational demands of an active school environment. During a particularly time-sensitive project, their team went above and beyond expectations — including working through the Labour Day long weekend — to ensure our opening day was met without compromise. Furthermore, it is worth noting that their sites are consistently staffed and well-managed, regardless of weather conditions or other external challenges.

It is without reservation that I recommend Maystar for your consideration. Their professionalism, reliability, and collaborative approach make them an outstanding construction partner, and I am confident they will bring the same level of dedication and expertise to your project.

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