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To Whom it May Concern:

The Watervliet City School District has been actively working with the Cyber Learning Academy for the past 2 years. As the district's Director of Curriculum and Instruction, I have worked directly with Dr. Kuttan and his staff to implement a cyber academy for our district.

NEF and its' staff are committed to building an online academy for students. They communicate regularly with the district to "check in". If a new need arises they are more than willing to not only offer a solution but figure out a way to implement it. An example of this was when our district needed more middle school math opportunities for students both in school and at home. Dr. Kuttan and NEF offered us an additional on-line math program to meet our needs. This program has proved to be very helpful for those students who regularly use it.

Our district is a small city school district with a diverse population of learners. On-line learning has become an important component to supplement our classroom instruction. NEF has provided us with many different on-line opportunities for our K-12 students' to get extra help with reading, math, science and social studies. Additionally, we have been provided with test prep assistance for New York State Regents exams as well as SAT/ACT prep. This coming year we will also be using NovaNet to begin a credit recovery/acceleration program at our high school. This is being designed to ensure all students graduate with a Regents diploma in four years.

NEF offers a full educational on-line solution for districts. They assist with customizing students' learning, offering a stipend for the academy director, providing training to teachers, as well as offering motivational rewards programs to help increase student participation and academic success.

NEF's dedication to educating all students is a commendable commitment. Their on-line Cyber Academy meets the needs of many traditional and non-traditional learners; it is efficient, economical and compatible with the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner. Without NEF we would not be able to provide the diversity of on-line programs to our students.

Cordially,



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