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To Whom It May Concern:

It has been my good fortune to have the opportunity to work with Steve Barkley of Performance Learning Systems. Mr. Barkley has worked directly with Twin Lakes for a year and a half and he has worked as a trainer for the School District of Hillsborough County for many years.

Mr. Barkley has been a significant contributor to the total school program. He conducts training and is a coach for the faculty and staff encouraging them toward higher levels of performance. Mr. Barkley displays a high degree of skill, competence, commitment and sensitivity. His dedication and compassion are exemplary. These qualities along with his inter-personal communication skills, have gained him the trust respect and confidence of all those that he works with.

With the assistance of Mr. Barkley Twin Lakes has developed a program that will truly create a process for systemic change and be invaluable in Twin Lakes' efforts to improve the academic standing of the students it serves. I am confident the program at Twin Lakes Elementary School provides a model for even better programs in the future. Participation in this endeavor provides all faculty and staff with opportunities for professional growth daily by giving them the ability to coach each other. As educators, each of us brings strategies and knowledge to this model that affects positive change for students and teachers. The ability to work as a team will not only enhance our skills but improve student skills as well. At Twin Lakes we are truly committed to creating an environment of "Teaching and Learning Excellence" and with Mr. Barkley's support we are moving from "Good to Great."

In addition to the qualities described above, Steve displays confidence, intelligence, intuition, patience, self discipline, perseverance, and a high level of professionalism, as well as excellent written and verbal communication skills. It is therefore without hesitation that I say Steve Barkley of Performance Learning Systems is a tremendous asset to education and a major contributor to Twin Lakes' success. It is a pleasure to work with Mr. Barkley. Most importantly, employing him would greatly benefit the students and teachers of your district.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 813-975-7380.

Sincerely,

Holly Saia

Holly Saia, Ed.S.
Principal