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To whom it may concern:

In the fall of 2005, the Hettinger School District experienced a major boiler failure that required immediate action for replacement of two boilers and the existing underfeed stokers. The two existing underfeed stokers had been continually difficult to maintain, wasted coal and produced clinkers difficult to manually remove. They were not capable of providing adequate firing rate for the boilers they supported.

In addition to these problematic boilers/stokers, we currently have two Wilburt underfeed stokers in another part of the facility that supply hot water heat to the school and to the swimming pool. The still-existing Wilburt stokers have proven inadequate despite the fact that are burning high BTU content coal (9600 BTU heat content per pound) from Sheridan, WY. Other issues we have experienced are sheared pins and clinkering. Our maintenance staff spends countless hours maintaining the operation of these stokers and performing ash removal and clinker removal to the point that it has become nearly unmanageable.

We contacted King Coal Furnace Corporation (KCFC) located in Bismarck ND to do the immediate boiler and stoker replacements. KCFC worked with our general contractor to install the new equipment. We are very satisfied with the operation and maintenance of the KCFC equipment and have no clinkering issues with which to contend. In particular, we are pleased with its ability to generate far more heat than the other stokers were ever capable of producing. In fact, after seeing the KCFC pneumatic stokers in operation it is our desire and intention to discontinue the use of the other two remaining Wilburt stokers and more fully utilize our new KCFC boiler and stoker equipment to operate 100% of the school instead of having redundant systems.

As a final note, if given the choice of purchasing a new KCFC system or receiving a free Wilburt system, the choice would be clear and simple: the KCFC system.

If you have any further questions, contact me at (701) 567-5315.

Sincerely,



John Campbell
Superintendent