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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Adaptive Technology Resources and services from Nick Hanford. As a Special Education Director, it was our goal as a district to increase the utilization of technology, specifically assistive technology for our students with disabilities, and increase student independence in the classroom or educational setting. Nick assisted in the development of our technology labs, providing specific suggestions to maximize the potential of student learning. He also provided training for staff and students, educating them in the use of technology and possibilities for student independence.

Staff at Adaptive Technology Resources responded quickly to all of my inquiries and assisted in developing a comprehensive plan for the Tomahawk School District. The cost was reasonable considering the expertise and knowledge they bring. Everyone was most accommodating to our needs, providing multiple options for us to choose from that works within our budget and still allows us to meet our objectives.

Nick Hanford worked closely with administration, asking the necessary questions to better understand the district goals, provided updates for effective communication and recommendations for future implementation. His comprehensive report was shared with the Board of Education and valued as an essential component in meeting our technology objectives.

He also trained the staff at Tomahawk, adjusting his approach based on individual experiences with a constant focus on student self advocacy and independence. He provided weekly updates regarding progress in teacher comprehension of technology and those most likely to implement them successfully. He provided several presentations, increasing staff awareness of available technology and possibilities for student education.

Most importantly, Nick trained several students how to use Dragon Naturally Speaking and text readers. He worked closely with our special education students, encouraging them to seek independence and how to overcome their obstacles in education through the use of technology. He got personal, sharing his own experiences and what it took to become successful. His influence on many of our students will bring life-changing experiences that can only lead to a positive future most have dreamed about.

In conclusion, I must thank Nick Hanford and the staff at Adaptive Technology Resources. I have truly appreciated their expertise and knowledge in an area most of us are lacking. I have come to trust them so completely, that I even introduced them to my dyslexic daughter. For the first time in a long time, she is excited about going back to school and facing the challenges presented in a college atmosphere. Thank you Nick Hanford, and thanks to all who work at Adaptive Technology. Keep doing all the great things you are doing!

Sincerely,

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