

Reference Letter: Performance Matters

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of reference concerning Pasco County School's implementation of Performance Matters solution for PD, Student Growth: Assessments, Action and Analytics and Teacher/Administrators and Staff Evaluations.

We purchased PM after an extensive RFP evaluation process and have been most pleased with their solutions. As well as, for Student Growth, the other 2 major vendor players have quit their support or gone out of business since that time. That made our Quest RFP evaluation process look good.

Quest is responsible for implementing Florida State Statute 1006.281 <u>https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2012/1006.281</u> of which Performance Matters plays an integral and vital part of this goal.

After awarding the Assessment contract, we implemented the Student Growth portion in the fall of 2015 and immediately started using the assessment scanning for immediate feedback/test scoring for teachers use. The support, attentiveness and capabilities of PM were most impressive for a smooth go-live and meeting our project timeline. Schools were immediately able to start using the analytics of their student assessments once we went live. We had also uploaded other assessments, such as our State assessments before go-live.

Upon awarding the contract to PM for our PD/Evaluation modules, we had about 6 months to implement the Teacher/Instructional Evaluation portion of PM. This was forced on us because the system we had been using was not meeting our needs. PM performed beyond expectations to help us design and implement this project on time, meeting a very aggressive go-live date.

After our Go-Live we have also implemented, in the following years, updates/changes to our Evaluation plans and started non-instructional evaluations. In our Assessment area, we added District Finals (Local) for all grade levels (State Mandate). We continue to add/change or enhance what we started since Go-Live. PM has been tremendous in their on going support and expertise to help us out. We still have weekly web meetings to discuss our ongoing plans and project evolving needs.

Our next major goal, that we've started, is to integrate more tightly, our PD trainings with our PD work through our LMS as well as tighter integration with Student Assessment our SIS and LMS.

It's hard to keep all the positive support and remarks about our very positive experience with PM on a single page of a reference letter. Please feel free to call, or email.