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Leigh and Perry,

It was so great to visit Vertus in March. After working with you to plan the school, it was such a joyful experience to watch all of this hard work come to fruition.

I left my visit with two kinds of impressions. The first was in the quality of the teachers and Preceptors. I observed several interactions between the students and these adults. Every single one was marked by respect, professionalism, and a deep caring to serve the students. This was true everywhere I looked, from checking in the boys at breakfast, to interactions in the hallways, to classroom sessions. What an amazing background for the work of learning.

The second thing that impressed me happened in the many conversations I had with students. I asked them how they liked learning in the way that they do, with the combination of Edgenuity and Skillshop sessions. To a person, they said how much they preferred this to what they had experienced previously. They felt they could focus on learning without the usual distractions. Also, they each mentioned that this structure allowed students to learn at their own levels.

How exciting!

I very much look forward to continuing to work with you and to seeing Vertus grow and develop. Thanks again for including me in this project..

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald Ardito".

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