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Dear Mr. Wilkins:

I read with great interest Carroll School's decision to purchase the former Bartlett School in Waltham. It will greatly enhance your school's ability to accommodate many more students in need of your effective programs.

As the author of Alpha-Phonics and other books on the reading problem, I would like to offer my services to your school. I have spent the last thirty years writing about reading disability and have tutored many students of all ages, curing them of their reading problems.

As the former chairman of the Massachusetts branch of the Reading Reform Foundation founded by Watson Washburn in the 1960s, I have participated in many conferences on the subject of reading disability and gotten to know many leading teachers in the field, including the famous Chicago teacher, Marva Collins.

For the last few years I have been working with a colleague in Texas who is a brilliant phonics tutor. He has been very successful in implementing cursive writing as a very effective means of teaching reading and spelling. I believe that introducing Cursive First in your curriculum could add a dynamic new dimension to your already fine programs.

In addition, I have worked with a former school administrator in North Carolina who has developed an ingenious test that determines how a child was taught to read and to what extent that program contributed to that child's dyslexia.

I would welcome the opportunity to bring to you these various programs and ideas and possibly set up a pilot project demonstrating how they work. It would be an honor to be able contribute whatever I can to Carroll School's very notable achievements.

Sincerely yours,