

# Harrison County School District

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Recommendation for Scott Lewis;

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Scott Lewis and his Eagles Wings Foundation team entered my office as total unknown days after Katrina ravaged our county. Based on my own interview with Scott, I made the decision to offer Eagles Wings the use of our largest school facility, Harrison Central High School. In retrospect, it was one of the best decisions I ever made.

Scott transformed our campus into a joint military and civilian compound using every building, parking lot, and sporting facility we owned at that site. He used military assets to secure our high school, better than any other agency could have ever managed. With hundreds of military and tractor trailer trucks entering and exiting the facility every day while helicopters made use of a site selected by Scott for such operations, I was amazed to see the transition when I later visited the school grounds for an inspection. The joint Pathfinder Missions initiated by Scott operated from this school and were a resounding success. They should serve as a model for any community facing a similar disaster in the future.

Eagles Wings and the joint military operation transitioned out of the school two weeks after their operations began so that we could get back to the business of teaching our students. Harrison Central High was the cleanest of our 20 schools when the teams withdrew.

I give my highest recommendation to The Eagles Wings Foundation. They were the most effective of all of the non-profit organizations in reaching our citizens in those first desperate days after Hurricane Katrina devastated our county.

Sincerely,



Henry Arledge  
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