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**Sandra Ross, Superintendent**

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Michael Di Martino. His presentation of the "Universal Language of Drumming" for our school was both dynamic and motivational. Michael's program was recommended as we sought a musical element for our school's Annual Reading Marathon Kick-Off. This year's theme was "Rhythm and Reading" and the addition of Michael and his helpers, Rico and Julie, literally rocked the school! Every student in kindergarten through eighth grade had the opportunity to express themselves by participating in a drum circle and learning dance and movement skills. The morning culminated with the students coming together to create a performance which synthesized dance and music. It was a unique chance for them to experience the power of rhythm as it affects their bodies and minds. Michael and his helpers were able to engage and stimulate each student. Additionally, students were asked to take that experience and tap into the rhythm of reading for our annual reading marathon.

I would highly recommend World Beat Drummer, Michael Di Martino to any school or group that is looking for a performance based music class. Michael's preparation and communication with staff ahead of time was essential for being able to make the event run smoothly. He skillfully managed large groups of students from 5 to 14 years of age. Both parents and teachers who were supporting the classes were highly impressed with the results, and the excitement of the students was contagious. We certainly intend to request additional drumming classes from Michael and his group. Feel free to contact me as I would be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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