



Central Iowa Blues Society

*P.O. Box 13016
Des Moines, IA 50310*

November 17, 1998

Dear Fruteland,

The Central Iowa Blues Society would like to thank you for the tremendous job you did for our Blues in the Schools program.

The results of the program far exceeded our expectations. Our goal from the beginning was to bring a program into Des Moines that had the potential of making a difference in a young person's life. While our expectations were high, even the most optimistic of us didn't expect the results you achieved. From the young boy who came into the classroom the second day with a blues song he and his father wrote the night before, to the young girl who was inspired to take up the drums; these are just a couple of examples of the 'differences' we were hoping for.

All of the teachers and administrators who observed the program had nothing but praise for your residency and also your Blues 101 programs. In fact, Principal Graeber, the principal of Moulton where the residency program was held, said it was the best program they have had at their school. The principals at the other schools were equally impressed. In fact, other schools wanting us to place your program in their schools have already contacted us.

We are now in the process of approaching businesses around town for funding to expand our program. With all the great publicity we received while you were here, we feel it will be pretty easy to raise those funds. Hopefully you'll be spending a lot of time here.

Please feel free you to use us for references. Have them call Lynette Webster at 515-225-6638 or Jeff Wagner at 515-276-0677.

As we told you while you were here, you'll always be welcome in Des Moines and we anxiously await working with you again soon.

Sincerely,

Lynette Webster, President
Central Iowa Blues Society