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Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Fruteland Jackson,

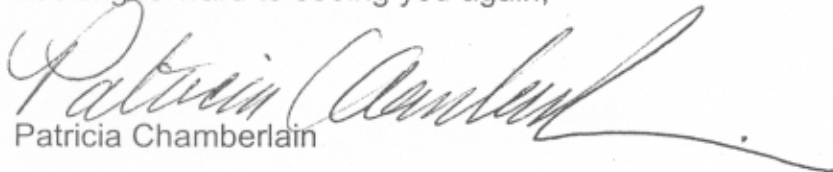
I have had the magnificent opportunity to experience your "Blues in the School" program not once but twice. First, in the town of Sharon, and then a year later at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School, when you appeared as an Artist in Residence, sponsored by our Arts Fund for Region One and other local sponsors. We owe our sponsors a thank you, which seems rather inadequate, as words cannot express the appreciation I feel on behalf of the students in Region One. They so enjoyed your magical performances and work sessions.

More importantly, Fruteland, you are an educator of the Blues. The lesson presentation was of precision with an understanding of the learner. Your skill in delivery is that of a master teacher. Students were spellbound by the performance and enjoyed the hands-on interactive sessions that followed the general performance. They learned a great deal about the Blues. When I asked students what they thought of the program, their responses were consistently "awesome".

Beyond the music, you offered our students and staff a history lesson as we were walked through the history of the Blues.

In closing, if funds permit, this would become an annual event for our children. Thanks so much for extending our understanding of the Blues.

Looking forward to seeing you again,


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