

August 5, 2008

Mr. Dennis Reiley
Foothills Elementary
17835 N. 44th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032

Dear Mr. Reiley:

I would like to commend your strings teacher, Ms. Arlene Ashe, strings teacher at Foothills Elementary, for an inspiring presentation on June 23 at our ASU String Teachers Workshop. I knew that Arlene had expertise in the area of music technology, so I was delighted that she agreed to share her experiences with the workshop participants.

Ms. Ashe demonstrated the web site that she has constructed to assist her students in practicing effectively at home. The web site is extremely innovative. It includes videos, practice guides, and tips for parents and students. Most important, Ms. Ashe effectively explained the technology tools she used to create the site, giving the other teachers clear ideas about how they could do something similar, as well as the confidence that they could do it.

If possible, please arrange for Ms. Ashe to receive renewal hours towards certification for her service to the profession. The presentation was one hour long, and I know she also invested time and effort in preparation. I can provide further documentation, if that is required.

As the workshop director, I am very grateful that Arlene Ashe was willing to share her expertise with others. You are fortunate to have such a skilled and experienced educator as part of the faculty at Foothills School. Thank you for your support of a program and an instructor that contribute so much to the children's education. Please commend Ms. Ashe for me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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