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Chelsea Public Schools Performing Arts Department

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Lead Teacher

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To Whom It May Concern:

Jeffry Steele was a member of the Chelsea High School faculty during the 2006 - 2007 academic year. He began in September as a part-time teacher of class guitar (3 sections) and became a full-time teacher in January adding one section each of mixed chorus and select chorus. He also was a member of our pit band playing lead guitar for the musical "Footloose" and organized an after school Guitar Club on Fridays.

In guitar class, Mr. Steele developed his own curriculum workbook. Through his own superb masterly playing, he was able to demonstrate a wide range of guitar techniques and styles. He actively engaged the students in playing and listening. Several students performed at the Winter and Spring concerts.

In chorus and select chorus, Mr. Steele used his guitar skills to teach and accompany. He solicited help from several outside sources in order to improve his skills as a choral conductor. The select chorus performed in the All-District and Spring concerts as well as at graduation.

Mr. Steele performed all his academic and administrative duties to the best of his ability. He showed a friendly and willing attitude at all times. He is a kind person who always encourages each student to succeed. I wish Mr. Steele all the best in his future career pursuits.

Sincerely,

John Nichols

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