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To Whom It May Concern:

Mr. Sallins came to our school, Margaret C. Ellis this past February for a solo percussion performance during our celebration of Black History Month. Our student population is Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade. Everyone who attended the 2 performances was completely engaged the entire time.

Jo is a gifted musician who through his musical talent was able to connect on so many different levels with our young diverse students.

His performance was amazing, entertaining, motivating, and educational! The way in which he was able to express his musical journey to the children in our school was truly magical. He inspired his young audience by sharing with them his own life experiences including his connection to our school as a former student.

Jo is a "genuine" role model for today's youth. His professional demeanor made him a pleasure to work with. I would highly recommend him to any school or organization that is looking for a talented musician to educate and entertain students in such a fun, unique way.

Sincerely,

Dazella Woods

Collaborative Professional Development Teacher