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CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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PRINCIPAL

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Mr. Eric LeMarier taught music at Rhodes School for the 2003-2004 school year. He did a wonderful job.

Being a first year teacher, brought many challenges for Eric. Yet, he overcame them all. Eric's schedule included teaching all the regular music classes for the school, organizing and leading the school chorus, and teaching instrumentals to 13 children.

His music classes were well planned and carried out. He had a set plan for all these classes, which worked. By the end of the school year children knew what was expected of them in these classes and enjoyed the format that was followed. Normally our school has a fifth grade chorus. However, with our fifth grade being very small this year we decided to include the fourth grade. This proved to be a wise decision as both groups worked well together and performed beautifully at three performances. One was for the whole school and the other two were held in the evening for parents, mends, and relatives. The students who took instrumental lessons from Mr. LeMarier greatly improved during the year and performed very well at the above three concerts.

Mr. LeMarier has many talents that help. him be a successful music teacher. He plays several instruments including piano and guitar. He writes his own music. One of his compositions was played by the instrumentalists at the final concert of the year. When working with the chorus he chose an entertaining selection of songs that the children really enjoyed singing. He added his own "creative twists" to the song to make them even more enjoyable.

Finally, I found Mr. LeMarier to be a very personable young man with a true passion for his chosen profession. He cares about doing a good job and has unlimited potential in the field of music. I would highly recommend him for any music related position.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Blackman