Mr. Robert Pineault, Principal Somerset High School 625 County Street Somerset, MA 02726

Dear Mr. Pineault:

On March 4 and 5, 2011, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Andrew Arciello and the student show choir and pit band members of Somerset High School as a choreography clinician and show choir festival judge. Having served as a show choir adjudicator for a decade, I have worked with many musical directors throughout Massachusetts. Mr. Arciello is special.

Mr. Arciello's professionalism is impeccable; he managed his festival with class and poise. He responded to the needs of his parental volunteers and adjudicating staff. When a backstage problem occurred (as it always does), Mr. Arciello calmly addressed the situation.

What impressed me the most about Mr. Arciello was his dedication to his students' musical instruction and his concern for their well being. Mr. Arciello not only strives to inspire the best performance from his show choir, but he also fosters teamwork. He teaches his students valuable lessons that, ultimately, extend beyond the stage and challenge them to be better people.

Mr. Arciello is an asset to the Somerset Music Department. It is exciting to envision the many accomplishments his students will experience under his leadership in the future.

ennifer K. Dowdle

Cc: Mrs. Lori Anderson, Coordinator of the Fine & Performing Arts, Somerset High School