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Steven Angel, President
Drumming for Your Life Institute
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Dear Steven:

The training that you have provided through your "Rhythm and Reading" program to our staff and students with special needs has been invaluable. Drumming for Your Life has opened up a new and creative approach in assisting students with various disabilities. When working with this population, it is important to have a variety of approaches, as each individual responds to different stimuli and interventions.

Teachers found that students gain reading and spelling skills using the methods taught by your institute. Utilizing this program, which is adaptable to a variety of students, has allowed some of our students to acquire spelling skills for the first time. This is because of the concentration and focus provided during rhythmic drumming exercises. Some of our students require modifications, such as hand-over-hand assistance, due to their disabilities and these types of adaptations can be made for students with special needs.

Most importantly, the program engages the student learner. Teachers in a variety of programs commented on the focus it brings to learning. Students gain self-confidence in not only their ability to create rhythmic patterns but in their ability to learn; that confidence will create a foundation for a positive sense of well-being and future learning.

Sincerely,

Tamara Ravalin
Assistant Superintendent – Educational Services