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Dear Mr. Barg,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize your professionalism and to thank you for all you have done to enhance the instructional program of the Concert Band of Townsend Harris High School at Queens College.

Your idealism has been an inspiration to all of us. The students and faculty will cherish the fond recollections of creativity and conscientiousness which characterized every facet of your professional responsibilities. The myriad of techniques with personal anecdotes and keen sense of humor, have earned you the admiration of our students and a permanent place in our hearts. Who can forget the way you encouraged our students to speak up by reminding them that the entire classes needed to know the response.

The many hours you devoted, coupled with your unique and dedicated style of teaching is best summed up, in the words of one of our former music teachers "I thought I was at the philharmonic." You created a special blend of melody that made students appear to be professionals on stage.

On a personal level, I would be remiss if I did not express a sense of personal gratitude. I admire your courage, stamina and generosity of spirit. Apparent in every visit was your determination for students to give of their best. Those in need of remediation were never neglected. Permanently etched in my memory is the saying "If you played a wrong note, circle it!"

Congratulations to you on the success of the Concert Band's performance. Each note was received in high spirits and with pleasure by the audience.

Thank you for your fine efforts in preparing our students and for your continued support of our school's programs.

Cordially

Lisa Mars

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