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Dear Administrators, Educators, School Counselors and Parent-Teacher Organizations:

It gives me great pleasure to once again renew my recommendation for TIGER (Theatre Integrating Guidance, Education and Responsibility) for the upcoming 2015-2016 touring season. NH’s Emmy award-winning theatre for youth, TIGER has performed for over 400,000 young people throughout New England and as far away as Egypt, England, and France in the past twelve years. We are fortunate to have TIGER, and hope that many of you are able to take advantage of the performances and workshops TIGER has to offer.

TIGER helps young people deal with bullying and other difficult social issues they face through the power of theatre, music and dance. In addition to performances, TIGER also offers workshops for students, teachers and parents, created to help illuminate and educate concepts showcased in the performance. Online curriculum materials that span many different grade levels are sent to all schools that book TIGER, lending additional support. As a former principal, I remember how difficult it was to find quality assembly programs with both entertainment and educational value at a reasonable price. TIGER is an excellent choice, for it will keep your children and staff laughing and learning at the same time.

As victims of bullying themselves, the TIGER actors care deeply about the issues they act, sing and dance about, knowing firsthand that bullying hurts. Their authenticity, blended with the material in the productions, crafted from the actual writing of children about their own experiences, resonates well with children, teachers and administrators.

In addition to the K-8 performances offered, TIGER has recently added an exciting high school production to the mix. “Alex’s Story” tells the true story of Alex Berry, a recovering addict and NH teen, who was once heavily addicted to heroin. The production premiered last spring to rave reviews and includes a question and answer opportunity with Alex Berry himself. I hope many high schools can take advantage of this special production, especially because of the escalating problems of heroin addiction and heroin related deaths facing our youth today.

In closing, I know that you will be pleased with all that TIGER has to offer. I hope that you are able to bring this exciting educational theatre troupe to your school for an inspirational performance that engages and educates, as well as entertains.

My very best wishes for a wonderful start to the school year!

Sincerely,

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Commissioner of Education