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To Whom It May Concern:

This past summer I served as Mr. Corey Pearce's Training Group Commander while he was employed as a percussion instructor with the Military Brass and Reed Bands at Blackdown Cadet Training Centre, located at CFB Borden north of Toronto.

Mr. Pearce did an outstanding job as an instructor, leader and mentor as he not only adapted quickly to the cadet training program but also to the needs of his students and the bands.

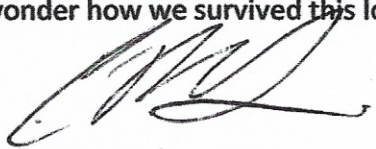
Recognizing the need for a shakeup, he initiated a complete rethink of the drum line using some of the band's instruments but also bringing some of his own drums from his band back home. The added percussion created a noticeable increase in the musicality and excitement of the band. Not only did Mr. Pearce's additions to the band make a noticeable improvement to the sound of the band, but his refreshing perspective, great sense of humour and superior instruction skills also served to raise the esprit de corps of the drum line and in turn, the entire band.

The gradual and continuous improvement to the quality of the band was noticed by all as the musicality of the band's performances increased significantly with the new drum line Mr. Pearce had put together.

Working with youth is always rewarding and Mr. Pearce was certainly rewarded this summer. Through his formal role as a music instructor, he was able to see the fruits of his own and his students' efforts as their skills and performance quality continuously improved. In a less official role, Mr. Pearce became a mentor and an example to a close-knit group of cadets who appreciated the professionalism, dedication, musicianship and friendship he had to offer.

It is my hope that Corey Pearce is both willing and able to return to Blackdown Cadet Training Centre as a music instructor again in the future. The rapport that he build with the cadets, the improvements he has made to the drum line and to the band and his great instruction quality makes one wonder how we survived this long without him!

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