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Letter in support of the Musical Theatre of Connecticut (MTC) The NHA/MTC Partnership in the Performing Arts

To whom it may concern:

Now for the second year, young people residing with The Housing Authority of the City of Norwalk (NHA) benefit, in generous partnership with the Musical Theatre of Connecticut, from a wonderful program for our Learning Center students. The program is designed, implemented, and run by the MTC's Executive Artistic Director, Kevin Conners. It provides musical theatre workshops for our students grades K-5, for fall term through spring term. The program holds four classes per week for eight weeks. We are at a point where we wish to expand this very successful program that first ran in spring 2015.

Students learn acting, build acting technique, and learn/acquire listening, interacting and reacting skills, work with stage partners, and learn character development. Students also acquire creative skills and discover the power of imagination as a basis for everyday confidence, enthusiasm, and vital social ("soft") skills off the stage as well as on. Students also acquire fundamentals for success in future personal and professional paths. The program emphasis is solidly on individual growth and development achieved through sequential training, performance opportunities, and mentoring by MTC's full-time professional faculty and MainStage Artists-in-Residence.

Kevin and the entire staff at the MTC make a magnificent contribution to the welfare and creative wellbeing of our students. I wholeheartedly write in support of their efforts and ask that you please do what you can for them. Our children are the most vulnerable of populations; those disadvantages in no way serve the children well in educational and creative endeavors, and we feel that those needs are equally as important as a roof, a room, and a meal.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Curtis O. Law Executive Director