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To Whom It May Concern:

We are, Beverly Carter and Deborah Coleman-Thompson, New Teacher Coaches of the Chicago Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Education. We are responsible for supporting Preschool For All New Teachers with Professional Development, curriculum support, teambuilding, etc. We have the pleasure of seeking highly qualified presenters to support and encourage our teachers. We were very pleased with the workshop presented by Ms. Kathy Poelker.

The feedback we received from the Preschool For All Classroom Staff who attended the workshop presented by Ms. Poelker in May, 2009 was great. Some of their comments were that the workshop was lively, engaging and it got everyone up on their feet. The staff sang in both low and high pitches, moved their hands, hips, and feet, and there were smiles and laughter all around. Ms. Poelker's presentation included music and movement from two different CD packs that incorporated both single dance and partner dance. She also shared musical connections to literacy with visual examples of teacher/student made books.

We are pleased to recommend Ms. Poelker for anyone interested in a musical experience that incorporates language, literacy, movement and song.

Sincerely,

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