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Dear Steve,

I wanted to write you this brief note to let you know how much I enjoyed the workshop you led at Deal Middle School as part of the Kennedy Center Education Program.

Like many artists who have experience performing and working with a variety of styles, you have matured into one of the best teachers I know. You took very quickly what was in hand, assessed the students and got right to the heart of what they needed. You knew immediately what they needed to work on, and directed them in a very positive and encouraging way. I work with some fine musicians who don't do that like you do, Steve.

You are a brilliant educator, and I will always lend you support in any way I can. Any institution would be fortunate to have an artist of your caliber work with their students. Your special gifts are in your knowledge of jazz history, great skills on the technical side of the music, and your vast experience on the stages you've played with so many musicians over the last 20+ years. You have a very special way of conveying all of that information to the students you teach.

I look forward to our next time together.

Sincerely,



Dr. Billy Taylor