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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Stanley,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your DVD *The Music Man* showing the remarkable achievements of the Southend Mencap Music School.

I watched the documentary with great pleasure and was particularly moved by the testimony given by the students. They were eloquent about their love of music and about how much the school meant to them.

It is clear that the success of the School is due to your leadership and inspirational teaching, as well as the enthusiastic and expert support you receive from the helpers. I would like to commend you all for your hard work, which shows such tremendous results.

I was interested to read of The Music Man Project and wish you every success in your efforts to extend the success of the Southend Mencap Music School across South East Essex. I hope that the example of Southend will encourage duplication of the model elsewhere in the country.

Yours sincerely,  
David

Mr David Stanley