

Hi Alex,

Thank you so much for allowing me the brief time with the superb students of Buchholz High School. I thought their performance last evening was in every way outstanding. The programming also was especially appropriate for the event. I enjoyed being a part of it. Glad everything turned out positive, but I'm not surprised. You are really challenging the students, and they are responding with enthusiasm and with joy! I believe their experience at Buchholz and with you will prove rewarding for their futures.

Regards,

Allen

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**Allen E. Beck, Commander U.S. Navy Band, retired**

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Alex,

They were absolutely wonderful!!! Congratulations. You must be so proud. I was smiling the whole evening...it was incredible. Eileen Roy was sitting in front of me and we kept talking during the 15 minute intermission about how amazed we were that these were just high school musicians.

You have worked wonders...they were professional.

Debbie

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**Debbie Gallagher, Curriculum Specialist Alachua County Public Schools**

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Alex,

The concert has become a valued community tradition. Keep up the great work. I am so glad that you are directing the Buchholz Band.

Sincerely,

Dan

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**Dr. W. Daniel Boyd, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools**

P.S. Thanks for all your help with the 1 mill initiative.

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Dear Alex,

The Veterans' Day program the other night was SUPERB! The Wind Symphony, the Jazz Band, and the Aviance Dancers were all unbelievably sophisticated. I couldn't believe they were all under the age of 18! You and John LaCognata are to be to be congratulated for the magic you have worked to reach this excellence.

Please convey my congratulations to your students for their hard work and skill. They should know that their music has the power to uplift and inspire their listeners. I don't think I have ever been in a more appreciative audience. We were all simply overwhelmed.

Thank God the millage referendum passed. It's programs like yours that convinced people that it is money well spent!

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Eileen

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**Eileen Roy, School Board of Alachua County**

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Thank you for an amazing evening. My husband and I went to support the kids - we left there being so grateful to you and to them. It was not only very emotional, it was beautiful and made us very proud to be Americans and Bobcats.

Thank you for this gift - it was wonderful.

Pat

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Patricia Lopez

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Just AWESOME!

David Shelnutt

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Great show! Thanks for a wonderful evening!

Sylvia Haller

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Last night's concert was fantastic!

Brenda Cohen