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Dear Principal:

Indiana Ballet Theatre, known as IBT, is a 501c3 non-for-profit organization. IBT mission states that we are dedicated to transforming lives and enriching the community through the world of dance. We do this through performance, outreach and the finest classical dance education.

For the past 25+ years we have been performing The Nutcracker on stages throughout Northwest Indiana, including the Star Plaza Theatre for 20 years. Due to our strong mission statement, we offer matinee performances for local area schools. Throughout our over 25 years we have been able to give over 100,000 school students the opportunity to see a full-length ballet in a theatre setting. We also provide the teachers with a Nutcracker Education packet that includes activities and lessons to ensure that this field trip is meeting the education standards. This is a rare educational opportunity, not just for the audience members, but also for our company and cast members.. Our dancers volunteer their time rehearsing, assisting with rehearsals when needed, performing at outreach shows and then performing at the actual theatre for the show. We are asking that you please excuse \_\_\_\_\_ from school.

This year IBT will present a total of ten shows, 4 field trip shows and 6 afternoon/evening performances across the region. We are bringing in professional dancers to dance alongside of our company dancers. Our dancers learn so much from interacting and meeting the professional dancers.

We sincerely hope that you will excuse \_\_\_\_\_ from school for those days. Should you have any questions, please contact us at (219) 755-4444.

Sincerely,

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Founder, Artistic Director

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