



# AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It Concerns,

We are extremely proud and excited to express our commitment to a brand new educational mission that will be hosted here in the fall of 2017: The Duality School of Music. Conceived and created by Amity alumnus Jeff Gitelman, The Duality School will provide young musicians the opportunity to learn music and industry skills first-hand from a thriving and successful professional versed and immersed in the world of music composition, production, performance, and distribution.

When Jeff Gitelman was inducted into Amity High School's Hall of Honor in 2015, he expressed a desire to give back to the school, so he volunteered to teach some master classes and to speak with our students about his own education and professional career. Students and teachers alike were captivated as Jeff spoke honestly and passionately about his work habits, his early endeavors, and his path to professional success -- all while modeling his positive mindset in his speech, demeanor, and music. Jeff emphasized the importance of integrity, dedication, and personal respect and responsibility in music and in all endeavors -- ideals that all teachers value and hope to instill in their students. The connection between Jeff and the students that day was authentic and inspirational, and it helped Jeff envision the Duality School of Music.

Because of Jeff's many professional and artistic commitments, he will need assistance as he travels across the country to teach and to work. Along with some other Amity teachers, we will serve as Duality liaisons and advisors, providing knowledge of Amity's facilities and personnel to help coordinate Duality's mission with its host school. We will be present when Jeff and his collaborators from the music industry are running their classes, and we will be here at Amity every day, always available to answer questions or meet the concerns of Duality's students and parents. We are confident that our knowledge of Amity High School and our long experience as professional educators will be valuable resources for Jeff and the rest of the Duality team as they bring the magic of their musical creativity to our building and to the kids.

Jeff has worked closely with us and we have held many conversations about Duality with our principal Anna Mahon and our superintendent Dr. Charles Dumais, who have expressed their enthusiasm and support for the Duality School of Music. With their support and our 40+ combined years teaching here at Amity, we can help Jeff Gitelman bring our students the gifts of his knowledge and talent that are simultaneously practical and imaginative. Duality, indeed.

Sincerely,

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