## ADDENDUM TO DRUM LESSON POLICY

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**Thank you** once again, parents, for all your accommodations and for allowing me the honor of affecting your child, teaching them their chosen instrument and being part of their growth as a person.

As a parent of *five children* myself, and recalling all my music instructors (piano, guitar, drums, high school band) I fully understand the affect (both negative and positive) that an instructor can have on his/her students ... for life! I take that position seriously, and to my heart.

From time to time, because this is a physical instrument that requires interaction to facilitate improvement, I am often required to physically adjust a hand position, shoulder or elbow, or adjust their foot positions. Because sometimes verbal communications simply don't work as well in most of these cases. This is how I instruct, and it is necessary. There is a window to the door, fully visible to everyone at all times, and I ensure the student is positioned in full sight. Also, you may at any time join the lesson. You would *not* be interrupting, and it is sometimes even beneficial.

To avoid any future misunderstandings, it is important that you acknowledge and agree to this aspect of my drum instruction.