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Subject: Teelin - Millersville Classes

Dear Teelin Dancers & Families from our Millersville Location,

It is with heavy hearts that we are writing to you today to announce that Teelin will not be offering classes in Millersville for the 2010-11 school year. This has been a very difficult decision, and we are saddened by the need for this change. However, especially given the current economy, it is not feasible for Teelin to pay additional rent to offer classes at a separate facility on a night when we are not filling the two rooms at our main studio in Columbia.

You are each important members of our Teelin Family, and ideally, we sincerely hope that each of you will be able to transfer to our Columbia studio for classes. The 2010-11 class schedule has not yet been finalized, but as we tweak the final details, we are attempting to schedule classes for each level with an option for a slightly later start time so that our Millersville families will have time to commute to Columbia after school hours.

However, we realize that the commute may cause undue hardship for some families, and that some of you may choose not to continue with Teelin. Please know that we will miss you, and will do what we can to help you find other options closer to your home. Additionally, for those students who purchased a Teelin School Dress or Alternate Dress and choose not to continue with Teelin, rest assured that there is a thriving resale market for those dresses within our school through use of the "for sale" pages of our website.

If you are wondering, yes, Teelin will still be offering classes in Timonium next year. However, there will only be three classes offered at that location, and it is on a night when teacher availability permits us to fill both rooms at our Columbia studio. A certified Irish dance teacher (TCRG) must be on site during all classes. Teelin currently employs three TCRG's (Maureen, Kathleen & Molly), but two of those three TCRG's have full-time jobs and families in addition to their Irish dance teaching positions, therefore availability is limited.

Once again, we realize that this decision involves a big change for each of our Millersville families, and we are very sorry for the disruption. Thank you in advance for understanding that this was not an easy decision. Teelin is committed to providing top quality dance instruction, and this change will allow our instructors to continue to do that in a fiscally responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Maureen & Kathleen



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