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PRESS RELEASE

Come see *CHALK*, Newton North High School's first-ever homegrown musical, written and directed by science teachers Zach Snow (Book/Lyrics/Music) and Todd Nocera (Music/Lyrics) and performed by students and faculty, with students playing students and — a rarity — five high school teachers playing the teachers.

The only original high school musical around!

Runs nightly February 8–10, 7:30 P.M.
Little Theatre @ Newton North High School
360 Lowell Avenue, Newton

Zach Snow is a Newton North biology teacher with an extensive background in theatre and a degree in biology from Duke University. Todd Nocera is a Newton North physics teacher with a degree in music composition from Tufts University. About a year ago, Snow came up with the idea of writing a musical about teaching high school and formed a writing team of four, involving three teachers (Snow, Nocera, and Chesnoff) and a student (Lebovici).

The story of *CHALK* centers on an idealistic but woebegone first-year high school biology teacher and the knocks he takes learning the ropes. There's plenty of humor, but *CHALK* has a serious side, too, as it portrays the periods of disillusionment commonly suffered by first-year teachers. "Writing and directing a play about teaching high school biology, starring fellow faculty and former students, has been the perfect synthesis for me of many seemingly disparate interests: science, teaching, and theatre," Snow said. "The eleven original songs have a modern energy and refreshing variety that propels the story while illuminating its more universal themes," adds Nocera.

Tickets, audio clips, biographies and cast and crew information are available at *CHALK*'s website, www.chalkthemusical.com. Zach Snow can be reached by cell phone at 401-474-1621. Todd Nocera can be reached by cell phone at 617-755-9229.

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