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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to the "Rock In Prevention" staff that came to our school on September 24 to present an "anti-bullying" assembly to our elementary school. After several years of not being able to fund programs like this, we were thrilled to have them come back after finding some alternate funding sources. It was time and funding well spent!

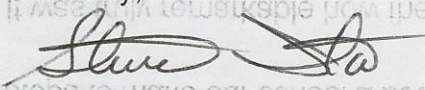
Their professionalism was evident from the moment they met me at the door that morning. From the minute they organized their high school helpers to the time they closed out their final assembly, they never wavered in their positive attitude and consistent message of how to deal with bullying and the steps to make our school a better place to learn.

It was truly remarkable how they kept all ages of students engaged throughout their program. The mixture of music, humor, and real life situations really brought home some of the experiences that our students encounter everyday. The tools/methods they equipped our young people with can still be heard throughout the lunchroom, hallways, classrooms and playground everyday. The "**We don't do that here!**" battle cry has become part of our school culture already.

Our staff truly appreciated the extra activities and follow-up lessons that they could use throughout the remainder of the school year. We are not foolish enough to think that this was a "fix all" lesson and now we are cured of any bullying in our school. It has, however, given all of us a deeper awareness of these issues and a stronger foundation of skills from which we can battle this ongoing social bugaboo.

Thanks again guys! Hopefully, we'll not make your return trip to Danville be as long as the last one! Have a very successful and enjoyable school year!

Sincerely,



Steve Ita, *Elementary Principal*