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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to extend my personal recommendation for the Pat McManus Rock In Prevention program.

Our school has consistently invited the RIP assembly to join us every other year. Each time the program components just keep getting better.

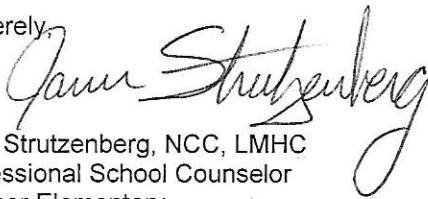
Our presenters this year were Marcelo Arevalo and Jenna Huston. They are a dynamic team!! Jenna was able to speak to the students about the hazards of drugs and alcohol with passion. Both elementary and high school students were very tuned in to her message. Our district happens to have limited diversity. Having Marcelo teach a song in Spanish and later have complete Spanish dialogue with the high school students currently enrolled in Spanish class, was priceless. Brain based learning tells us that creating a positive environment where students have fun and can enjoy movement while learning will increase their recall of information and translate to a higher level of learning. The music and interaction between the facilitators and students with peers has proven to be effective. The roleplaying is also a popular activity with students who enjoy having a chance to use the microphone and speak out to peers about the dangers of alcohol and drugs. The follow-up activities that are given to the teachers for classroom activities have been another way to ensure understanding and reinforce the message of healthy ways to have fun and cope with stress.

I have no problem reaching out for funding to our local businesses, and parents that are professionals in our community. The students at the elementary and high school are the most effective source to broadcast just how much the Rock in Prevention program is enjoyed.

Marcelo and Jenna were very professional and most likely the best Rock In Prevention facilitators I have ever worked with.

Thank you for sending us the BEST!!

Sincerely,



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