



February 21, 2012

Dear Mr. Merrills,

Thank you very much for entertaining and educating Comstock Northeast Middle School with your Non-Violence/Anti-Bullying program. The entire school was impressed with your introduction assembly, that still has students and staff questioning, "How did he do that?" The small group sessions throughout the day really helped drive home the message of using one's power for positive interactions with peers and adults. At a time when student's are afraid of differences, and need to learn to embrace diversity, it is programs like yours that help our students grow into responsible leaders in our community.

Our staff, in particular, thought it was one of the best and most applicable assemblies we have had in our building. The small group sessions highlighted signs of dating violence, dangers of online interactions, and the lifelong impact of mean behavior. Teaching students how to stand up for each other, and be active in keeping our school safe, has become a priority in our school, and this presentation assisted in moving our students in the right direction.

In addition, we would like to thank Mattson Flooring for their sponsorship to cover the difference of the cost of the presentation. Our Comstock H.E.R.O.S. (Helping Establish Relationships and Overcome Stereotypes) student anti-bullying group, is grateful that they were able to help bring Mr. Merrills to our school with Mattson Flooring's help.

During the middle school years bullying is at its peak, and with the help of professionals like Mr. Merrills we will make these years better times for our students.

Sincerely,

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