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I am writing this letter to express our satisfaction with the wonderful program that Dan Smith brought to our community. Dan did 2 school assemblies and 1 come-back rally (assemblies were for middle and high school students). He brought his band (Momentum Band) and started off with a "mini concert" as students were entering. The music was appropriate for the assembly and engaged the students right away.

Dan then showed a video illustrating his own personal mission to "get a hug" which took place right in downtown Cleveland. He went into his main message which used the Spiderman "Spidey Sense" concept to illustrate the importance of listening to your conscience when making decisions. The analogy helps kids learn that their conscience (or Spidey Sense) constantly alerts them to things they should and shouldn't do, and if ignored, it can get them into trouble, just like Peter Parker!

Dan understood and respected that there could be no religious content in his daytime messages which took place in the public school auditoriums.

The evening come-back rally was faith-based and sponsored by area churches, so Dan was able to bring the faith component into his message at this event. Evening activities included the Momentum Band, Dan's message, pizza and pop.

Many times assembly speakers come and go and their presentations are unremarkable. This was not the case with Dan Smith. The students still comment on "our last assembly speaker" and "how great he was." Anyone interested in retaining Dan should do so without hesitation.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

Angie Zeleznik
Clerk of Court