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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written with highest regards for Sean Stephenson. I first had the pleasure of meeting Sean when he recently came to our school district to do presentations for our students and community. To say that I am "impressed" with Sean would be a gross understatement. He is a phenomenal person and his messages are clearly enlightening and uplifting to students of all ages, as well as adults.

Sean modified his presentation each time he spoke with a different age group. It was amazing that he knew just what to say at every level to connect with the audience and engage them in his thought process. His size disarms people immediately and they feel compelled to listen to what he has to say, but once they start listening, they can't stop and are astounded by not only his message but also at the very real presence of this man.

Sean is genuine. Many of our previous presenters would "exit stage left" right after their presentations and be unavailable, but not Sean. He positioned himself on the floor close to the door where students and adults were exiting so that he was available for anyone who wanted to stop and have a conversation with him. Many of them did stop to talk. Sean took the time to talk with every student or adult that stopped and he did not rush them off. He answered all their questions openly and honestly and this made them feel good about themselves. Sean supported and uplifted the students and I heard him tell them those were "very intelligent" questions. This is the type of thing kids need to hear from adults regularly, as so many times they are hindered in their learning process because they are intimidated out of asking questions due to the fear of appearing foolish. Sean has a suave way of washing all of those fears away. Our students and staff walked a little taller that day because of Sean. He gave them all a part of himself and they felt connected to him in a way I have not seen with past presenters.

In closing, I can not say enough about Sean Stephenson in one letter. I would need a book. If you decide to book Sean for a speaking engagement, you will not be disappointed. You will be enlightened, engaged, uplifted and you'll see the light go on in your audience's eyes. It's an astonishing thing to witness, when people connect with each other in this manner and you can feel such a positive outcome. I wish Sean the best and look forward to seeing him back in our district in years to come.

Sincerely,

Mike Richie
 District Administrator

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