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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Dare to Care Presentation

As a Vice Principal I was concerned about the only presentation format we could find for Dwayne Peace on short notice. Our Vocational Preparation students at this time were coming along extremely well, but it's hard for kids to listen to one speaker for a sustained period of time. To make matters worse, it turned out to be a hot day and we had no time to set up chairs. The kids had to sit on the floor. I decided that my presence was a necessity to help deal with disruptions and issues that would inevitably arise as the afternoon continued.

To my amazement, the afternoon proceeded without disruption. The students were involved and attentive. They participated, asked questions, volunteered answers and put their hands up to acknowledge the validity and accuracy of what Dwayne was communicating to them.

They gathered to talk to him when he was finished and asked him to return. The students understood that Dwayne cared about them and wanted to see them make good choices. Dwayne was able to dispel many types of misinformation and misconceptions that guide kids into bullying, fighting, resorting to violence, getting into drugs and making poor choices. At the same time he offered them alternatives. He communicated that kids can make choices that enrich their lives and help them find emotional and vocational success.

I would certainly recommend Dwayne as a speaker for any group of kids. He was able to make kids think. His former experience of working with teenagers was clearly evident and he captured their attention. His obvious feeling for the kids, and his passion to help them think about choices, made him an asset to all who listened. I strongly recommend Dwayne Peace to speak to any group of young people.

Sincerely,

Rick Lane

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