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Dear Mr. Zatchok,

Recently, Talon Logistics came in with their simulator to help our sophomore class understand safety on the road. This sentence caught my attention. "It's amazing to say that we reach kids." That's really the point, isn't it? It is said that children are our future, so we need to make their world a better place to make ours, in turn, better as well. Dave Kohout has a message that our future at Western Reserve really needs to hear. "Talk is Cheap, but this message isn't" is truly powerful and needs to reach more people. I've had the pleasure to see Kohout speak twice, and his message gets better every time. I know some time ago he talked at the middle school, but there are kids in middle school now, and high school kids too that need to hear his message. One of his key points is that we all have greatness, we are all potentially great and many people today cannot recognize that in themselves. I know students that need to know that, and Kohout can make people think. "If I reach just one person tonight, just one, it's worth me being here tonight." I can tell you from my experience, he is extremely worthwhile because he most definitely reaches more than one, and more than two, if you give him the time, he can reach the whole room. We may not be the most receptive bunch of students, but we know how to think, let Kohout help us think what is right, we are standing in the presence of greatness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Smith".

Emily Smith

"I am one voice and I am singing, I am one voice and I am singing, I am one voice and I am singing; I am not alone."-I Am One Voice, Page two: Sing Along Sampler