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Dear David,

I'd like to thank you for speaking to the students at Firelands High School in May of 2011 and again On October 12, 2011 for our College and Career Readiness Day. Your talks are inspirational and the students have taken to heart your message that they are great. After the May visit we decided to make the theme this school year "Dare to be Great".

Some the results:

We offered a leadership class sponsored by Teen Leaders Corp

The seniors on the football team had a book study with the coaches about leadership; the result, a 10-0 season and our first appearance in the state playoffs.

We had a teacher/ coach seriously injured in a car accident November 22. Over five hundred students, former students, staff and community attended a candlelight vigil at the high school with only five hours' notice.

After the assembly in October when you addressed the athletes you kidded a brother and sister sitting together in the stands. She is varsity volleyball and is a freshman on the varsity soccer team. You talked about practicing and play their games as if they are trying to make the team. The boy had a game that night and scored the only two goals for the team.

You came to our school not knowing anyone and showed the students that you believe in them and most importantly they are great and to believe in themselves.

Sincerely,

Richard Reighley, Principal