



# HOWLAND LOCAL SCHOOLS

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To Whom It May Concern,

As educators, we realize the importance of squeezing out as much teaching time as possible in any given day. We are selective when setting aside time for assemblies and other extracurricular events. We are aware of the testing schedule early in the year and teach from bell to bell to literally make the grade. There just isn't enough time for the other stuff!

A few days ago we had David Kohout give his "Talk Is Cheap" presentation and all that changed. The children were engaged from beginning to end. He was able to deliver his message that he was truly in "The Presence of Greatness." He spoke in a way that all of the children, regardless of life experience, made connections.

He spoke of events in his life that defined him as a person. A time that even when he was struggling, people believed in him and encouraged him to do his absolute best. He delivered the message at the child's level, often kneeling to the floor to drive the message home.

If looking for an event that's worthy of interrupting your day, please consider contacting David. His message was an inspiration for children and adults alike. We left the assembly feeling great about ourselves and those around us. The children even told their bus drivers about him which motivated several of them to create an "I Am in the Presence of Greatness" banner and hang it over the driver seat.

I hope all is going well for you and your students this year. The scores are important but please take the time to reflect on what's really important.

Sincerely,

Carl Clark  
Principal  
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Howland Local Schools