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TO: Jeffrey Dean Ministries
FROM: Jereme Dietz, Principal, Era High School
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RE: Assemblies at Era JR/SR High School

I would like to thank you very much for the assembly and message that you shared with the students of Era JR/SR High School. Jeffrey does an outstanding job with children and I firmly believe that every student who heard his message was impacted in a positive way. The points that were addressed definitely deal with the problems these kids face on a day-to-day basis.

It was absolutely awesome how he was able to cover so many topics in such a short period of time all the while keeping their attention. Throughout the program I could see students' heads nodding yes with approval as they agreed with his comments. I could see students who have had problems with bullying behaviors agree that they needed to be more respectful of their peers. I could see students agree that they needed to make better choices and be better people.

Even more amazing was the day after the assemblies...students were even more respectful than usual, they were happier than usual, and they were eager to help one another. I know that it sounds like a small accomplishment, but even our cafeteria was cleaner after lunch. The students were accepting responsibility for their actions (and in the case of the cafeteria...their mess)!

It has only been two days since Jeffrey spoke with the children of Era, but I can attest that it has had an impact. Jeffrey has been here on two different occasions now, and the students absolutely love to hear his program. They have already asked me if I would try to get him to come back again next year! Again, I want to thank you so much for sharing your message with our children. You have helped me make them better people. I tell the students often that, although the things they learn in their Algebra or English or Biology, etc. classes is important; I am just as excited when I see them graduate and I know they will leave this place understanding the importance of treating others with respect and being able to accept responsibility for their actions. I try to teach them that making mistakes is part of life, but learning from them is what separates success and failure. I also try to get them to understand that it is a whole lot easier to listen and learn from the mistakes of others, rather than to make them themselves. Jeffrey's message solidified that. I am so very thankful that our children had that opportunity. I think they will be better human beings because of it. And, I look forward to having him back in the future.

Thank You,

Jereme Dietz