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Anthony Grupido
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Dear Mr. Grupido,

I, along with Clawson Middle School, cannot thank you enough for your phenomenal virtual assembly for our entire student population. Your rapport shown through the computer screen as you performed magic acts and card tricks with students. It was especially impressive how you were able to connect your tricks to your story. Your presentation title, "The Magic of Hope" is perfect for how you spoke of your own anxieties, feelings of insecurities and overall struggles during your young adult life. Our students are dealing with those types of struggles right now and your insight and advice was quite relevant. The fact that you could address your own history with suicide in a manner that provided hope and gave specific resource information for help, was appreciated and meaningful.

I believe you are exactly what all young adult students should experience. The manner in which you share your story, and how well you relate to the students, is not to be taken for granted. My favorite statements you used included, "*what you speak is what you create,*" and how you connected that to self-talk, following it up with asking students to share what words they use themselves that hold them back. You brought it full circle when you then had students list encouraging, uplifting words to replace those identified in their first list.

You are very well versed in technology. I was impressed how quickly and easily you could adapt to our district platform, especially since it was one you had not used before.

I strongly recommend you for middle school and high school audiences across our state. You are organized, well-spoken and relate closely with students. Your presentation is funny, interesting, and captivating.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts and talents with our students. Please feel free to contact me at 248.765.8345 should you have any questions or if a potential client would like a personal statement of recommendation.

Sincerely,

Michelle Haight

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