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Dear Denny,

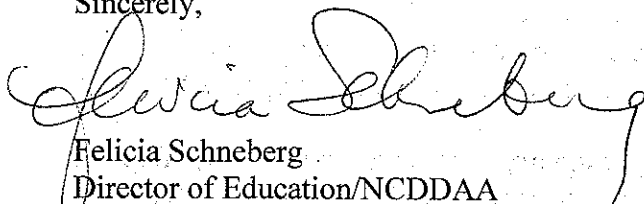
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"Yes, it shows that your actions affect the rest of your life", "Yes, I would use it before a long vacation", "Yes, because it shows how negative and bellicose prison life is", "Yes, this video could be presented in health classes to demonstrate the effects of bad decision making", "This would be good for my school because it is an eye opener", "Yes, because I learned a lot from this video that I didn't know before". A suggestion was made by one student that it be remade to focus on a juvenile prison so that students could more directly relate to it.

I am grateful to you for sharing this video with me. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your most worthwhile contribution to this annual event.

Sincerely,


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