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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

I would like to thank Sgt. Mike Murray and CO Mike Woodard from Auburn Correctional Facility for their fine presentation, "Choosing to Lose", given to the Summit School on October 29th and 31th, 2003.

I feel the program was worthwhile, allowing the students to reflect upon the prison experience. Hopefully some gained an insight into what prison life is like and will not choose that road. They were able to answer a questionnaire, watch a video and answer some follow up questions on the presentation. The officers answered student questions and were very professional throughout the 2 days.

I came away with a statement the gentlemen made that I have since used with my students, "once it's out of your mouth or you've done something that you shouldn't have, you can't take it back".

I would like to see this program become an integral part of the curriculum at the Summit School.

Thank you very much for allowing these 2 fine gentlemen the time to present this to our school.

Sincerely,

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