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Dear Superintendent Graham:

Thank you very much for your support of the Cops Care program at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Recently, students in Marathon were visited again, by Sergeant Mike Murray. I cannot begin to describe the impact he had on my students. As seniors, they are at a critical point in their life when they handle many decisions that could be life altering. Sergeant Murray explained how easy it is to find yourself in prison and how unpleasant life is in jail for those that break the law. He also explained the responsibilities of Corrections Officers and the function of Auburn Prison. He answered hundreds of questions and was able to reach all the students, not just those "at risk." One student in particular told me that the talk helped him make some critical decisions recently that kept him out of trouble. The Cops Care program and Sergeant Murray are to be commended for their work.

It is my hope that Sergeant Murray will be an annual visitor to our school and that Auburn Correctional Facility will continue to support programs like this. It is outreach programs like this one that make a difference in the lives of young people.

Thank you

William Perks  
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