

*The Mission of the Liberty Central School District is to inspire all students to pursue their dreams and to contribute and thrive in a diverse community!*

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**To Whom This May Concern:**

**We have hosted CopsCare's "Choosing to Lose" program for our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students since 2003. Unfortunately, lack of state funding made it impossible to have the program in 2004.**

**For the past 2 years, Michael Countryman and Tony Pagluighi have done an exemplary job of presenting the program's information to our students. They have adapted to our scheduling needs as well, seeing 6 classes- for 3 sessions each- over a 6-day stretch. This program impacts 140-150 students each year.**

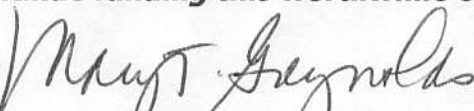
**We were encouraged to see them training 2 new presenters this year- expansion of the program will only help in serving students!**

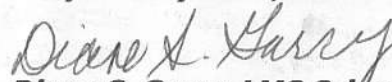
**"Choosing to Lose" has become an integral part of our "1-2-3 Look at Life" initiative. In grade 6, all students are invited on a tour of Sullivan County Community College. In grade 7, they experience "Choosing to Lose" and participate in our Career Exploration program. Highly at-risk students are then invited to participate in the CAP program at Woodbourne Correctional Facility and a guided tour of the SUNY-New Paltz campus. We also try to expose as many as possible to career shadowing experiences.**

**The more students are exposed to life's choices, we hope, the better they will understand their own roles in determining their future. The "Choosing to Lose" program is a positive way of opening their eyes.**

**Please continue funding this worthwhile endeavor!**

**Sincerely,**

  
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