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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

I wanted to write and give accolades to the "Choosing to Lose" program that was presented to my 8th grade students on October 23-25, 2006. Mr. Tony Pagluighi and Mr. Mike Countryman came to Monhagen Middle School and did an amazing job educating our kids about the devastating consequences of making even one bad choice.

The students were totally engaged for three class periods and were visibly moved by many of the experiences that the officers told. The officers clearly related the fact that just one bad choice or one moment of weakness with peer pressure could lead to this future.

It is obvious that both officers are highly dedicated to the goal of lowering the number of young people who make poor decisions and end up in the prison system. I pray that when my students are faced with difficult situations that they recall the lessons they learned from this series.

Thank you for making this available to our community.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Ann Lee
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