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To Whom It May Concern,

Joel Feldman is the president of EndDD.org (End Distracted Driving). Following the death of his daughter, Casey, by a distracted driver he has made it his mission to speak with students and adults about distracted driving. He has been coming to Pennridge High School to speak with our junior class every Spring for several years. In 2020, due to COVID-19, that was not possible. Mr. Feldman suggested that talks be given virtually to our students in health classes. When he was told that we have 28 separate classes, he said that was fine and he would get it done.

In December of 2020 Mr. Feldman, with the aid of his trial lawyer friends from across the country, spoke to every one of our students over 4 days. Mr. Feldman did 12 of the talks himself and his volunteers did the rest. Tad Thomas, Esq from Louisville, KY and members of his law firm, did all 7 talks on one day; Paul Hernandez, Esq and Tom Curcio, Esq from Virginia, Jay Vaughn, Esq from Kentucky and Rachel Mathews from NY each did several talks. The presentations went forward without any technical difficulties. The power point presentation contains several videos, as well as slides, that were used to prompt discussion. Every speaker was very comfortable speaking with students and excellent communicators. Each speaker was able to interact fully with the students just like during live presentations. The students were engaged throughout the entire 50-minute session. Following the sessions, I received very favorable feedback from the other Health teachers and students.

I was very impressed that lawyers from across the country were willing to do so many presentations for our school. I heard several different presenters and enjoyed the way they connected and communicated with our students. Since the time of the presentation, I have personally made changes to my driving in order to limit distractions when I am driving. I am a much safer driver since viewing the presentations and I have been driving for (35) years. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to view these presentations. It would benefit all new drivers so they would learn proper driving techniques. It would be valuable for older drivers as well, because we have gotten comfortable with some distractions. Mr. Feldman shared that many of us are the "lucky drivers," because we have been distracted but haven't been in an accident yet. I have thought about that statement many times in the past month since I saw the presentations.

All of us at Pennridge High School are so appreciative of the volunteer efforts of each and every one of the volunteer lawyers and their sincere interest in keeping our kids safe. Every new driver should have the opportunity to see this presentation. I highly recommend this to all schools and students.

If you have any questions please email me at tnunny@verizon.net or call (215) 453-6944 x4052 or (H) (215) 257-5238 (C) 215-429-3548. Thank you.

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Health and Physical Education

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