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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to highly recommend the Distracted Driving presentation given to our Cherry Creek High School Health classes on March 22nd 2021. Joel Feldman and Meghan Vargus combined to present to 8 Health classes, roughly 250-300 students.

The topic of Distracted Driving was presented remotely, yet still engaging by having students contribute to the presentation. The topic is highly relevant based on the number of Distracted Drivers operating vehicles on our roadways. Joel and Meghan present this topic in a way that allows students to understand the issue and also incorporates feelings and emotions that provoke cultural change.

Additionally, SADD information for our students was shown on the last slide. Joel talked about what a great organization SADD is for kids and his work with SADD, including the video contest. The winning video from last year was shown and it connected with kids, as have videos from the contest in prior years

Feedback from my students post Joel and Meghan's presentation include,

"Being a leading generation that can identify the bad behavior and teach our children that it is wrong. It starts with us."

"To change distracted driving across all age groups in the U.S.. We need to see distracted driving as something that is dangerous, selfish, irresponsible, and is something that doesn't belong in today's society. Once we do this, the overall view of distracted driving will change in the U.S. making distracted driving something that will be denounced by American society."

"To tell everyone that it is culturally unacceptable for people to do that and make it standard norm."

As the quotes state, Joel and Meghan's Distracted Driving presentation has had an impact on many of my students. I can attest the presentation has also changed the way I drive. I no longer drive distracted because of this presentation. My hope is we can continue to have this presentation grow to larger audiences to instill cultural change. In conclusion, please don't hesitate to contact me at MCarroll7@CherryCreekSchools.org or (607) 435-4710 should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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