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To Whom It May Concern,

As a math teacher and the coordinator for SAP (Student Assistance Program) in the Stroudsburg Junior High School, I recently received grant money to take a proactive stance against tobacco and alcohol within our school. I contacted Screaming with Pleasure Productions and, upon the recommendation of an acquaintance, hired Mr. Bill Ross to perform at our school. He performed his "No Butts About It" show at our school on January 6, 2000.

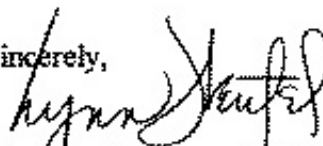
While Bill was performing for our entire 7th and 8th grade student body (about 700 students in total), I had the opportunity to see his show and watch the student reaction. Personally, I was impressed with the talent that he possesses. Juggling, talking, engaging the students, and simultaneously delivering a sobering anti-smoking, anti-drinking message proved to be easy for him. Easily, 95% of the students were spellbound by his performance. He was able to engage them actively from the moment they walked in, even before he was introduced, until the time that he dismissed them to their next class. To me, this was amazing. The students and the faculty were simply astonished.

Comments like these were on the faculty evaluation sheet after the performance: "This was a super program. One of my students stated, "We hear almost the same thing in health class but health class is boring. This program was great." "This was the best assembly program we've had to date!" "Bill Ross was amusing and clever in the manner of his message delivery" "Excellent - the students were captivated." I have also included a personal letter from another colleague who felt compelled to commend Bill on a job well done.

Comments like these were on the 7th and 8th grade student evaluation sheet: "It was awesome and really made me think. I will never smoke and try to help my friends who do." "It was by far the best program that we've had." "I liked the way he told us about his real life experience instead of lecturing us like everyone else. He made us want to listen and made us interested." "There is nothing to say - it was so good I am still speechless." "I do not think any improvements could be made on the program because it was AWESOME! The creativity went right along with the facts helping you to better understand the poems and information." "The guy actually did drugs and drank alcohol so he could really say don't do it. It was one of the best assemblies we've had in a long time and it should be done every year." "Please give him a little more time next year." "I hope we have more programs like that." "Mr. Wentzel made a good decision to hire him."

I give Mr. Bill Ross my highest recommendation. He made a positive impact on the staff and, more importantly, the students at my school. After his show I told him that he was a welcomed guest in our school at any time he wishes. I would urge anyone reading this to hire him for your school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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