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Gary

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Dear Sergeant Craft,

As middle school health teachers in Troy, we see the immediate need for drug education. Hearing true testimonial concerning drugs effects is another important piece of this education. The middle school health programs have been very lucky this year to have the opportunity to have Officer Nickie Kaptur come into our classrooms and speak about this specific issue.

Officer Kaptur has come into each of our classes the past couple of years to speak about drugs and their effects and it is our hope we can continue to count on having her as a guest speaker for future years to come. Students are interested in this information and it is imperative at this age that they understand the effects that drugs can have on their bodies before they have to make a decision to use a drug or not. Officer Kaptur is not only knowledgeable as a supplement to our instruction, but she is also a very personable speaker who adds humor and helps the students feel comfortable to ask questions about this subject matter. Her factual stories are interesting and powerful to such young, impressionable minds.

We have found through surveys and other information that drug use in Troy is, unfortunately, on the rise in the teenage population. To combat this, we need early intervention and information. One way we can combat this is through guest speakers such as Officer Kaptur.

Having her continue to share information and stories beyond what each of us can share as a teacher is greatly needed. She is a true teaching asset and a very necessary piece of our curriculum.

Thank you for allowing her to come in and take an important part in the drug education curriculum in the middle schools in Troy. We hope you can continue to free up time for Officer Kaptur to come and speak to our health students.

Sincerely,
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