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To whom it may concern:

Education in the 21st Century requires an incredible amount of effort from an assortment of different individuals, organizations and resources. As leaders search for the most effective approaches to meet the academic, behavioral and emotional needs of students, it's essential we don't dismiss how powerful the concept of motivation and connection can be in education. As you begin to consider an assembly group or speaker who can match the already existing curriculum of your district, I recommend speaking to Mike Marsteller. Mike's greatest motivation for life comes from building connections that inspire the people and communities around him.

In his recent speaking engagement at Upper Moreland High School, Mike was tremendous. His *S.T.R.I.V.E. to Thrive* program addressed the current needs at our school and provided our students with the proper motivation to meet the challenges they face, while reassuring students they are not alone in this struggle. His ability to quickly connect with our students and control a large audience left a lasting impression on many in the audience.

Statistics show high school students are more likely to put their faith in what's on Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, Vine and Tumbler. It was refreshing to see so many students accept Mike's message, learn from it, and hear of his positive perspective on these social media outlets. This type of experience can revitalize a building. I recommend you talk to Mike and decide for yourself if his message is right for you, your staff and most importantly, your student body.

Sincerely,

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