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## To Whom It May Concern:

Ken Freeman conducted a student assembly at West Wilkes High School on Friday, November 18, 2011. As a high school principal, I am constantly on the lookout for a guest speaker or some sort of special program that I believe will have a positive impact on the lives of students. Not too long ago, the youth pastor of one of our communities local churches asked if I would be interested in having Mr. Freeman speak to our students. After previewing his website, and doing a little research on the nature of his presentation, I extended the invitation to have him come to our school.

Within minutes, Ken had the attention of literally every student and faculty member in the gymnasium (including mine). His sense of humor coupled with the seriousness of the message he delivered had everyone on the edge of their seats. Both students and faculty members alike laughed until they cried, and cried until they laughed – all at the same time. The unique way in which Ken challenges others to think about the choices they are making in life is truly amazing. I cannot think of another school assembly that I have enjoyed more, or that I felt was more appropriately challenging to the students at my school.

Sincerely,

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