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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the staff and students of Leon M. Goldstein for the Sciences in general, I would like to thank you for the wonderful program of "Pride not Prejudice". On March 3rd 2009, Rick Mueller and the HIV and Pride performing team conducted a workshop at our school. Rick and his actors did a phenomenal job of entertaining and educating our students about HIV and AIDS awareness.

The first part of the presentation was Rick's story. He shared the difficulties he's experienced as an openly gay teenager and later being HIV positive. His message of making the wrong choices through his youth shaped his future. Rick has used his life as a positive forum to help teenagers avoid some of the mistakes he made in his youth.

In the second part of performance Rick's teams of actors give examples of real life situations of how each student contracted HIV. The actors did an excellent job of drawing the audience into their world. Due to the character's low self-esteem they made poor choices to be accepted by their peers. The final portion of the workshop consisted of questions and answers to Rick and the cast of actors about what the students had experienced.

"Pride not Prejudice" is an informative, motivating way to educate teenagers on HIV/AIDS awareness. I recommend this presentation as a tool to assist teenagers in life choices they make, for it has made a valuable impression on our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prudence Rogers".

Prudence Rogers
SAPIS Counselor