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Dear Jim,

On behalf of the North Country Road Middle School staff, I would like to thank you for speaking with us in reference to *Simple Happiness: 52 Easy Ways to Lighten Up*. I have received many positive comments about your presentation from our teachers, and I believe that we have gained some insight to a happier, healthier way of life. Many of the comments applauded your ability to listen to your audience, and "customize" your commentary based upon the needs of the group. The staff enjoyed your direct approach to the issues surrounding the search for happiness and how the hustle of our lifestyle can blur the quest.

The reason that I had asked you to come to our building was grounded in simple logic. A team of individuals that place pertinent issues in perspective will provide a nurturing environment for our young learners. This attitude becomes contagious, and at times we have seen our students emulating the behaviors that we all seek to model. Your presentation created a sense of clarity to some things that may appear obvious, and also gave us some ideas that were unique in our search for a positive environment.

I look forward to working with you in the future, and I will speak to my colleagues in school leadership about our enlightening experience. Please do not hesitate to call upon us if you need to in the future.

Sincerely,



Matthew Clark
Principal

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