



March 9, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for the Courage to Change Foundation. Joe Roberts and his assistant Chan Ramcharan came to our school this last Wednesday, March 7 to make two drug prevention presentations.

We had two assemblies, one for Grades 8 and 12 and a second one for Grades 9, 10, and 11. Both presentations were very professional and extremely well received by students and teachers alike. Not only was the media technology excellent, but Joe's style of presentation was articulate, sincere and in the words of students "fantastic", "informative", "moving", "important" and best of all "not preachy". Joe's ability to build rapport with students (550 at a time) was outstanding. They were attentive, nearly spellbound for the entire hour. He has natural wit, humour and a way with adolescents that wins them over so that they are open to hearing his message. In summary, this presentation counts as among our best outside performances at Elgin Park.

The Courage to change Foundation does not require a fee but humbly requests an honourarium for their services. This was some of our best spent money yet. I recommend that every teen see Joe Shoeboogiemans show. As with any program aimed at primary prevention, it is difficult to assess the full impact or success, but I am quite confident that if anyone will make a difference to some of our students, it would be someone like Joe.

Please feel free to contact me for more information at 538-6678.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Evelyn McLeod".

Evelyn McLeod
Head Counsellor