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To Whom It May Concern:

Kevin Singleton began his presentation with energy, continued with eloquence and ended with success at Clear Creek Middle School. His professionalism, confidence and sincere concern for students made him one of the most outstanding speakers we have seen in our combined 35 years of experience in education.

Kevin used basketball as his metaphor for student effort, tenacity and follow through very effectively. He taught students how to participate positively and he rewarded them throughout. In his presentation, he involved one student that was the single most needy student that day. She got much recognition for what she did from staff and students.

We were most impressed by the effect he had on four of our most gang-affected students. At the end of the performance, our student body filed out in a very orderly fashion. However, a few students were very assertive about wanting to meet him. So, we allowed it. Four of the students that interacted with Kevin were our gang-affiliated students. These four students then dialogued with us about some of the topics in his talk and in their private conversation with him. This shared experience allowed us to connect with these students that before did not even know who we were.

The most touching moment in the presentation was his singing and keyboard playing at the end of the talk. Kevin sang a song that encompassed his message in music. It touched the hearts of each listener that we spoke to.

We enthusiastically recommend Kevin Singleton as a motivational speaker.

Sincerely,

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Nicki Hudson, Assistant Principal

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