



AZTEC MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Building a Foundation of Success”

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Paul McQueary

President – “Don’t Meth with Us” Foundation

Dear Paul:

It is very evident over the years of the positive impact the “Don’t Meth With Us” program has had on the reduction of the use of meth in juveniles. Programs that you have conducted in our schools have been very valuable and I believe have had a huge impact on our students and changed lives. With all the focus on standardized testing I know that schools may be reluctant to open their doors for this type of organization to come in and present to students. We have to be careful that we do not open the flood gates, but with an issue such as this, what we are really opening is the positive future for our students. We know that the young people of today are our future and we also know that schools must educate the child no matter where they come from. Unfortunately schools are the only safe and secure place for many of our students. This is the reality of what exists for many students, though we cannot change that situation, we can change their future. As stated in our mission statement “we will partner with our community to produce responsible citizens who are globally competitive and prepared for life in the 21st century.” This program speaks to our mission, but more importantly it speaks to our kids and our future. Academics are our main focus in education and it must always be, but one hour of time may be the difference of a student going to college or going to jail. More importantly it may be the difference between life and death.

The “Don’t Meth with Us” program is very powerful and we have a fond place in our hearts because that slogan was created in our very own district with Park Avenue Elementary students. Ironically this year those students are seniors and will graduate. I am positive that these students will receive a diploma, become responsible citizens and be ready for the 21st century not only because of their hard work but also because of an hour that we took to educate them on the dangers of meth and other drugs over six years ago.

Educators are in the business of saving lives and for that reason I encourage schools across this great country to open their doors to this program because that one hour may open the door for many students to a positive future.

Sincerely,

Kirk M. Carpenter

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Superintendent

Aztec Municipal Schools

Our Mission:

In a safe, caring environment, we will partner with our community to produce responsible citizens who are globally competitive and prepared for life in the 21st century.