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Dear Joe Cavanaugh and Staff:

Thank you for the phenomenal job you do with students and staff, particularly during our Senior Wisdom Retreat. Due to our partnership with Youth Frontiers, our students and staff have been impacted forever. We are accomplishing our goal of making this large school feel smaller for our students.

The Senior Class of 2004 enjoyed a Wisdom Retreat beyond all of their expectations. An opportunity to reflect with their classmates and achieve closure before the last day of school was priceless for them. What an amazing way to end their high school career. This was a day that changed many of their lives! The Wisdom Retreat undoubtedly carried over back into our building! The last two months of school were the most positive and productive for seniors that I had ever seen.

The Wisdom Retreat message gives students a great framework to move on with the rest of their lives. The messages presented during the retreat are powerful, and students hear the message. The way your staff relates to all members participating in the retreat is to be commended. Every student there felt heard and that they weren't alone. Thank you for that.

We are proud to offer such a wonderful opportunity for closure for our seniors. Thank you for all you do to help and support our educational goals. We appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,

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Joe Cavanaugh
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Dear Joe,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the outstanding youth retreats that you have provided for Osseo Senior High School over the past few years.

As you know, at OSH we have successfully used the retreat experience as "bookends" to our student's high school experience. OSH students attend the Respect Retreat during the fall of their sophomore year and then experience the Senior Retreat just prior to graduation. With students from three junior high schools merging into one high school, the sophomore Respect Retreat creates a positive direction for our student body as they set goals and define expectations of respect and friendship. A short three years later the students are eager to get back together again for the Senior Retreat. Reflecting on their high school days, looking forward to the future and an opportunity to say goodbye to friends and classmates creates an emotional and lasting capstone memory for our seniors.

The staff at Youth Frontiers has put together a formula that works! By combining high energy fun, music and humor with times for reflection, introspection and group discussion you successfully create an experience that helps students remove the barriers that often separate them. Our students have valued this experience so much that for the past three years the graduating classes have provided money, as a gift to the school, to help fund the Retreats for future classes. Each year we have staff members that ask if it is "their turn" to chaperone the event.

I would recommend the Respect Retreat or Senior Retreat to any school that would like to provide a memorable and productive experience for their students. The result will be an emotional and positive impact that will carry over into all aspects of the school!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Melvin".

Rich Melvin