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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for presenting *It Won't Happen to Me* at Leesville Road High School last month. The incredibly moving stories you told helped the audience understand that given one poor choice, yes, it just might happen to them. I hope that the consequences of those poor choices, which you so vividly described, will help our students think more about safety. You gave some very good pointers to help everyone, students and adults, be safer drivers and better passengers. Our auditorium was filled and I can safely say attendance at this program was the largest of any other PTSA program in the past six years. I want to share some of the comments we received:

- What a moving presentation. I know that my son was really shaken by it. I just hope that he will keep those images in the front of his mind every time he drives and/or rides.
- Thank you for the presentation last night. Effective, memorable and yes, life saving.
- I thought the program really hit home. It's always good for kids to hear those things from someone new, other than mom and dad.
- The program was great last night. Thanks so much to the PTSA for having it at LRHS. Though it was very sad; it was exactly what teenagers need to see. Ms. Winborne was a great speaker.
- I want to offer you a HUGE thank you for bringing Lauren Winborne to Leesville High. We've talked with both our daughters (ages 18 and 15) about most of the things she spoke about (a vehicle being a weapon, know who you're driving with, have an 'OUT' for any situation, ignore your cell phone, etc.) but she spoke so well to her audience and her delivery was very powerful. Kids need to hear it over and over and over. There is no doubt in my mind that her presentation saved at least one precious life, if not many more.
- The PTSA should be commended for bringing such an effective, inspirational and thought provoking speaker to our school to deliver such a valuable message.

I wish that we had been able to have a daytime presentation for the students so that every student in our school could see the presentation but I am hopeful we can work toward that in the future. Thank you so much for your dedication to educating teenage drivers.

Sincerely,

Jane Patterson

LRHS PTSA President