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Dear Lauren:

I want to thank you for your two excellent presentations here at Rye Country Day School. The parents response has been wonderful, with much positive feedback coming my way about your content, style, and message. In addition, and even more importantly, many parents have reported that your talk led to talks at home, in the car, at the dinner table, talks about safe driving, teenage choices, and more. You have done our community a great service with your work.

The students also were affected, and your work remains with us. Interestingly, students wanted more particulars and raised the following point: "If you really want us to become better drivers, then give us specifics." Obviously, I thought your talk had done that...don't get in cars with people you don't know, travel the speed limit, wear safety belts, and on and on and on...your lecture was packed with specific advice and good advance planning for many teenagers.

However, they were talking about specific driving techniques, and you would be pleased to know that a student organization has commandeered an easel and each week they offer in our main hallway a "Driving Tip of the Week." Here sits some very practical advice, offered by teenagers and for teenagers. Examples include: "It's autumn; be careful of wet leaves in the road, especially when driving down hill to a stop sign." "Always check your blind spot when changing lanes...always!" "Don't drive with your brights on in thick fog." And more. In a very real sense, your presentation got this little exercise under way; most assemblies come and go, but you would be proud to know that yours has remained with us and continues to affect us in a positive way.

Again, thank you for your time and energy. Safe driving remains an important issue in our community, and your talk helped us to continue this conversation.

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Paul D. Wieman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul D. Wieman
Principal, Rye Country Day School
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