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To: Veldran, Katherine KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov
Date: 1/24/2014 1:09:33 PM
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

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From: Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 12:10 PM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Cc: Card, Rachel
Subject: FW: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Are you available for a call tomorrow at 1:00pm to discuss the run of show for the event on February 6th?
Look forward to hearing from you.
Thank you,
Katherine

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From: Fess, Brenda L [mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 4:20 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Hello Katherine,
I hope all is well. I was just touching base with you about the 6th, and see if you need anything or have any more information.
LaRaine

From: Fess, Brenda L
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2014 12:15 AM
To: 'Veldran, Katherine'
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Hey Katherine,
I am sorry it took me a while to get back with you. I started writing a long lengthy explanation of the run of the show when a parent said he taped it for us, so I included a link to view all the scenes. This was a tech dress in front of our school. It is just the scenes. And much improvements have been made. It should give you a better visual.

And now for the run of the show. It last an hour. I have 28 students in the show. This show is an original production. When we perform the show we want the audience to walk away with the tools needed to stand against bullying, to encourage bystanders to speak up, and to tell victims it will get better.

Now for the outline of the show...

- The house opens to inspirational preshow music and the cast meets and greets the audience as they come in.
- The cast sits with the audience, and I give an introduction to our show. I explain the setting, introduce the tools (to speak up, walk away, be a friend, tell an adult) Then we "get the party started" by bringing the cast up to the stage by singing ¼ of the song "What makes you Beautiful."
- Once the cast is on stage we discuss the 4 types bullying: verbal, physical, cyber, and social by acting out

examples of each one. This is very important to the show because the audience will see each example again in other scenes.

- I dismiss the cast to behind the set to get ready for the scenes. Then I discuss with the audience Cyber bullying and kids who reach out for help through YouTube for help. In our first scene titled “Why” there are 3 pairs. They are all holding the same signs. (There are 6 total for better visuals for the audience.) They come out among the audience and as the song starts they get ready to make a YouTube video about bullying. One student ends his scene and walks away making you think he is about to go off and do something drastic while the other student stays and finishes the song vowing to stand up against bullying.
- Then we talk about name calling. We discuss how name calling can hurt worse than a knife and those wounds are hard to heal. Then we talk about what to do if someone call you a name. (speak up, walk away) name calling can hurt if you believe what they are saying is true. This leads up to our next scene “ I Am Me.” This scene is about a girl who gets picked on by bullies but she refused to believe them and the labels fall right off of her. As for her friends they are labeled and the wear their labels until they realize if they do not believe them they will not stick.
- The next scene is titled “Everything”. It is our most powerful scene. We show the battle of the mind when someone is bullied. It is about a girl who forgets what her mom has taught her, and when she goes to school people pick on her severely. The audience sees the good and bad thoughts. The bad thoughts try to get her to kill herself. The good and bad fight for her and the good thought wins. She does not commit suicide. Instead she remembers what her mom tells her.
- After this scene, we discuss the tools again; to speak up, walk away, be a friend and tell an adult. Our next scene is about the bystander. If we are going to fight against bullying we need for the kids who “see” the bullying to tell adults or to help the victim. To change the situation we must start with ourselves.
- This leads to the scene titled “ Man in the Mirror. “ In this scene we see a bystander who witness all types of bullying and he is afraid to do anything until someone he cares about is getting hurt. We show girls fighting over a guy, social bullying, peer pressure and verbal bullying. Once he stands up to the bully the scene stops then goes in reverse. The bullying scenes are retold. This time every situation is solved before any one is bullied.
- Our final scene is titled “Wavin Flag”. We discuss how be different is a blessing not a curse. We talk to the victims in and tell them they can stand up to bullying they need to be brave and never give up. It will get better. They need to wave their flag of courage. For this scene, in order to show being different is a blessing not a curse the costumes were made out of duct tape.
- In this final scene you see 4 scenes where kids are bullied. They become afraid. A bystander give them a flag with an encouraging thought. They wave the flag, and then they go back into the scene and stand up to the bully. In the end everyone is wave a flag of encouragement.
- We end the show with the cast coming together and telling the audience “ When you see something say something”

I hope you can follow my explanation. I know it is really wordy. I promise you will really enjoy it. We really work the crowd. They are not just sitting there for an hour. We make them get involved. We can adjust it for an audience full of adults or an audience of kids. This play is geared for 5-12 grade. We have performed this show 9 times already with 2 more shoe this week. We are performing it at a peace convention in Baltimore Maryland in May.

Again the show is an hour. Please take a moment and check out our tech rehearsal link, and of course call or email me if you have any questions. Most importantly....I want to thank you so much for help us with this performance. This is a dynamic opportunity for our message.

LaRaine

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6EqqLsMrJ4>

This link is about 26 minutes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6EqqLsMrJ4>

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

LaRaine,
Are you available tomorrow for a call to discuss details at 1:00pm?
Hope all is well.
Katherine
803-767-7583

From: Fess, Brenda L [<mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>]
Sent: Saturday, December 28, 2013 10:53 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Good Evening Katherine,
I am sorry for not responding sooner. We are on Christmas break and I haven't had time to sit down until now. February 6th will be perfect. I will call you next week to confirm things.
Again, Thank you for this wonderful opportunity,
LaRaine Fess
BHS Theater

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 11:58 AM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com; Priester, Nicole
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

LaRaine,
Governor Haley and the Statehouse auditorium are available on both February 5th and February 6th at 10:30a.m. Please confirm which date works best for your group. Please call my cell phone if you have any questions 803-767-7583.
We look forward to your response.
Thank you,
Katherine

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From: Fess, Brenda L [<mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 7:56 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Thank You. My students and I are truly excited and honored to have this opportunity. All you have to do is tell us when and where and we are there.
I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
LaRaine

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

LaRaine,
I am still working with the Governor's scheduler on dates.
I will keep you posted.
Thank you,
Katherine
803-767-7583

From: Fess, Brenda L [<mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 2:23 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Hello Katherine,
I just checked our school calendar for January and there are no conflicts for us to come up when it is convenient for Gov. Haley.
Thank you again for giving us this opportunity,
LaRaine Fess
BHS Theater Department

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, November 08, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

LaRaine,
I will call you at 4:00pm today. I look forward to our call.
Thank you,
Katherine

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From: Fess, Brenda L [<mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>]
Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 9:36 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com
Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Yes, I do have time on Friday. If you call after 3:30 call my cell. My cell number is 843-252-7638 or my office (number is 843-322-2152).
Thank you very much,
LaRaine

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 11:05 PM
To: Fess, Brenda L
Cc: 'repshannonerickson@gmail.com'

Subject: Re: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

LaRaine,

Thank you so much for reaching out!! I'm working with the Governor's scheduler on potential dates and times. Do you have time on Friday afternoon at 2:00PM for a brief call?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Katherine

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From: Fess, Brenda L [<mailto:Brenda.Fess@beaufort.k12.sc.us>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 06, 2013 10:00 PM

To: Veldran, Katherine

Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Hello Katherine, I was just following up on our request to perform for Governor Haley. All you have to do is name the time and place and we are there.

Thank you for helping us spread the word,

LaRaine

From: Fess, Brenda L n

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 3:54 PM

To: 'katherineveldran@gov.sc.gov'

Cc: repshannonerickson@gmail.com

Subject: performing our Anti Bullying Play for Gov. Haley

Hello Katherine,

My name is LaRaine Fess. I met you and the Governor today briefly, and spoke to you both about our anti-bully play, "When You See Something Say Something." We would be so honored if we could perform it for you and Governor Haley in Columbia or here in Beaufort. We can perform the show anywhere because it is a show made for touring.

Our goal with this show is to encourage kids to start telling people when it happens. We also demonstrate a way to handle bullying by doing 4 things: Speak Up, Walk Away, Be A friend, and Tell an Adult. The show runs 70 minutes. I have included a snip of a news piece from yesterday.

<http://www.wtoc.com/story/23772003/united-against-bullying-performance-aims-to-teach-students>

Here is my contact information. I look forward to talking with you, and assisting you and the governor in this fight against bullying.

Thank you,

LaRaine Fess

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