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To Whom It May Concern:

The Carry the Cure, Inc. group recently came to our community and school and spent about four days in our community. In every way their director, Bill Pagaran and his entire group were excellent positive role models for the children in our community.

Their group of approximately 32 young people from all across the state put on an interesting and engaging program for our students concerning suicide prevention and positive decision-making. The program included multi-media presentations, a five-piece band playing the style of music kids enjoy today, and presentations concerning self-esteem, good health, and suicide prevention. The program was extremely well received by our students, staff, and numerous parents in the community.

In addition to a first class assembly for our students, the group presented a suicide prevention workshop for adults in the community who work with children, and also held youth meetings and workshops throughout the weekend at various locations around the community.

We were hosting a basketball tournament the same weekend with visiting students from Kalskag and Kwethluk. Bill and the other members of Carry the Cure pitched right in and assisted with our tournament, announcing basketball games, playing music during breaks, helping with our fund raising efforts, and engaging the students in games and positive fun. They assisted with running

score clocks, keeping books, and even refereed a few basketball games.

Of the many groups I have worked with throughout my twenty years of educational experience in Alaska, this group ranks right at the top. I strongly recommend the Carry the Cure group to any school district and community that wishes to engage their students in positive ways, help prevent the problems of suicide, and help their students think carefully about the use of alcohol and drugs.

If you would like further information about how the Carry the Cure group worked so effectively with our children and community, please contact me any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Lee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

Richard Lee
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