



"Expecting Success"
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Wade, Mitchell, & The Crew!

It has been one month since you brought the Measured By Character program to our school. I want to thank you for deliberately making the trip from Texas to Oregon to present your program. You stepped out in faith that other schools might join in, but were determined to come to little Adrian regardless. Thank you so much.

Your program, touched so many kids. Wade's message of character, choices and impact, interspersed with his and Ryan's testimonies drew the students in. The number of students that wanted to meet and visit with Wade afterwards was impressive. The fact that two and a half hours later, students were still coming back was amazing. My students were truly touched.

I wanted to relay a quick story to you:

Last week, I noticed one of my students Maggie (name changed) (who got herself in a little hot water last year) sitting with the student Carlie (name changed) who had participated with, and publicized the illegal misstep from the previous year. Because Carlie posted the video, Maggie was suspended from school and track for a period of time. Carlie maintained that she had only recorded the incident, but had not participated. The two had not spoken since. It seemed odd that they were sitting together and I was worried that Maggie was slipping back into poor decision making.

I called Maggie into my office and explained that I had noticed her sitting with Carlie and a couple of boys that have been in trouble a lot this year. I wanted to know what she was thinking. She said, "A few weeks ago we had that Measured By Character" assembly, and I notice Carlie crying and speaking with Mr. White. He had talked about how his son tried to love on everybody, so I texted Carlie that night and told her if she ever needed anything, I was here for her. On Monday, she came and sat with me at lunch. I have been trying to have lunch with her every day, because she only has those boys as friends. Mr. Purnell, thanks for checking on me, I am trying to pick her up, I won't let them drag me down."

I hope that this picks you up as much as it picked me up! You and your crew were great to work with, and I wish you the best! Have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

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