



## Golden High School

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Dear Mathew:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you for the wonderful work you did with the freshmen students at Golden High School in April and May. I am enclosing a copy of the "Accept No Boundaries" Grant Yearbook written by the freshmen girls so you can see how much they thought of the Self-defense day. After spending the year working with the ninth grade females on enhancing self esteem and looking at non-traditional careers for women, it was wonderful to see how empowered they became during the day with you and how strong they felt by the end of the experience.

It takes considerable talent and knowledge to work with 125 young women for six hours and produce such excitement. Your expertise in working with them was remarkable! The combination of lecture and physical training was just right, just enough talking to get the message across but not so much that you lost their attention. Your approach was professional and you were so well prepared that there was never a lost moment. Your original fee was difficult for us to manage but the results were much more valuable than the money invested.

After seeing you at work it was very important for us to have you also do a program for the ninth grade young men. The focus of the day was very different but very valuable for the participants. The "Alternatives to Violence" program was terrific. It was so good to see the way you connected with these 75 guys. It didn't take long for them to move from being skeptical of you and your message to being very respectful of your skills and you as a person. You communicate with young people on so many levels. You deal with everything from the importance of being smart about their safety to respecting each other to welcoming the opposite sex as equals to making the most of their opportunities. We sincerely appreciate your abilities.

I am enclosing a synopsis of the student evaluation forms for these days for your information. They are full of praise for your work and what you did for the students.

We have received limited funding for our grant for next year and I look forward to calling on you again. It has given me considerable satisfaction to have brought you to these students and I cannot wait to do it again. The best of luck to you in your future endeavors. Please feel free to give me as a reference to anyone who would like to know more about your work.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Hansink  
Consultant and Project Director