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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write on behalf of Brigette Henschel and her work with Amalia's Hope. In the spring of 2015, Brigette had the opportunity to share her story with well over 600 students, staff and parents from the Nekoosa/Pittsville area in Central Wisconsin. As the District Administrator of Nekoosa Public Schools, I was touched by the story of Brigette's tragic loss of Amalia and witnessed the significant impact of her story on the students, parents, and staff. Days after the presentation, folks were still talking about Amalia. Based on student feedback, her story makes a difference. Yes, it is very unfortunate, but Amalia's story illustrates how a series of poor choices can lead a person down a path of destruction and possible death. It doesn't have to be this way is the message that Brigette shares with participants.....we can support students and help them successfully work through the challenges of growing up in a more healthy way.

It is very obvious in Brigette's presentation, that her purpose and passion in life is to visit schools, tell students Amalia's Story and use the story to help students make healthy decisions to overcome peer pressure. She believes that freshman/sophomore classes are the times to share Amalia's Story, because that was before Amalia started making poor choices, gave into peer pressure, and established her inner circle of friends.

As the District Administrator serving the Nekoosa community, I am impressed with Mrs. Henschel's competence and passion around prevention and intervention related to drug use and addiction. If you want a presentation that is going to make a difference, I highly recommend Amalia's Hope.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at 715-886-8000.

Sincerely,

Terry Whitmore  
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