



VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Dr. Hall

I want to thank you for the outstanding Keynote/PD you presented to my teachers and staff on November 8, 2022 and the student presentation on November 15, 2022. The information you delivered was relevant and timely. I am still receiving positive feedback from my teachers and students regarding your presentation, many are incorporating the tenets of your instruction into their daily lives.

I especially enjoyed and appreciated the interactive aspect of your presentation. You invited my team to take positive risks, and to purposely and intentionally seek opportunities to initiate relationship building with one another, and with their students.

Your ability to pull one of our new and very reserved teachers into your presentation was commendable. The way you built a relationship in such a quick manner gave her a strategy that she is able to use with her students. The distract, disrupt, introduce and engage strategy resulted in our students being very attentive and focused on your message. After you left, the staff and students were still talking about how your messages hit home with them.

Message from a student:

Thank you so much for that speech with Mr. Wes Hall. It moved me to focus more than I do already and it just opened my eyes to greater things in life. The speech also added to my current knowledge on school and life itself. You're a wonderful principal for including Mr. Hall, I can see that you care about us dearly and you want the best for us. The sky is no limit for us and you see that. Once again thank you, not just for this either. Thank you for everything that you have personally done for me, for my school environment, and for everyone else in this school. I've never been in a school where the principals brought in a millionaire to speak motivation, wisdom, and open knowledge to the kids. I will always appreciate this moment because it took me out of that dark place. It brightened me inside and out. I truly thank you!

We have a fairly new team, so it was good for them to get to know one another in route to building stronger bonds—a requisite for establishing a positive and dynamic culture and climate throughout our campus.

I am so pleased that we are continuing this journey with you on our upcoming staff development days. As a fairly new staff we have to learn who our students are and what they are experiencing so their educational experience can be maximized. The upcoming Trauma-Informed Instruction PD will be a starting point for our teachers to understand what our families are experiencing as well as how their own trauma influences their instruction.

Sincerely,

Kim Perry-Carter
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