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Dear Superintendent Ryan:

As you may know, October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month. With teen dating violence on the rise and domestic abuse still an ever present problem in our society, it is more important than ever for our youth to recognize the seriousness of this issue. I thank you for continuing to support our students and provide them with programs that promote health, respect for oneself and others, and good decision-making. Particularly at this time of year, I want to encourage this support and awareness.

Ben Atheron-Zeman of Acton, Massachusetts recently joined with us here at the State House to raise awareness of domestic violence and help people of all ages learn how they can put an end to this and other violent dating crimes. Ben's one-man play, "Voices of Men" is 50-minute multi-media presentation that focuses on ways young adults, especially young men can help stop such violence. Ben has performed this play around the world, including 35 states across the country and China, Canada and the Czech Republic.

To kick-off of our "Domestic Violence Awareness Week" here at the State House Ben performed his play to a captivated audience. Since then I have continued to hear from my colleagues about how well it was received, particularly by students. I recommend this play to all high schools to help raise awareness and enhance their curriculum on health and social issues.

I have enclosed a brochure that introduces you to Ben and highlights the aspects of "Voices of Men." Thank you for your continued efforts to educate our young people. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

PAMELA P. RESOR

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