

Portage Area High School

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Remembering ADAM
Mrs. Debbie Fowler
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Dear Mrs. Fowler:

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support, of what I consider one of the most outstanding programs in our school, the Remembering ADAM Club.

Portage Area has been involved with Remembering ADAM for many years and it has been nothing but a positive effect on our students, school, and community. Over the past ten years our referrals to the Student Assistant Program (a program to assist students who may have drug, alcohol, or mental health issues) has gone down drastically. The overall climate of the school has been more positive and upbeat as a result of this club.

One of the requirements, and perhaps the best component of the club, is the random drug screening. We screen approximately 4 students a week. These screenings have created a positive peer pressure and basically a way out when our students are put in situations where alcohol and drugs are available. The club members realize they may be selected to be screened that week in school and knowing that, we feel gives them the opportunity and the reason to say no.

The student's involvement in the club has increased from the first year of approximately 30% of the student body to the past year of 80% of the student body.

In my thirty six years of education, I have seen no organization have a better influence in our school than this club.

Sincerely,

Doug Conlon
Guidance Counselor

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