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Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am writing to express my utmost appreciation and satisfaction with the interactive educational disc series that the Fort Payne Police Department and Fort Payne City School System has received. The software programs are considered essential tools and are helpful in situations of informal counseling on behalf of an SRO. The harassment and theft presentations are our most used segments of the interactive series, and the programs help initiate thought provoking conversations regarding actions and reactions of various topics.

Not only are the software programs used in the school setting by SRO's, they are being used to reduce the rate of juvenile crimes and repeat offenders. The program is being used as a resource in the Fort Payne Restorative Juvenile Justice Program, which is a collaborative effort between the Fort Payne Police Department and the DeKalb County Juvenile Probation Office. The software programs will be used in a class room setting and the theft and harassment discs will be used to educate first time juvenile offenders on choices and consequences.

The interaction segments of each disc are highly effective. This allows time to develop communication and break the ice. As an SRO and drug prevention curriculum teacher, I understand the need to have interaction with the students. When the student is allowed to verbalize thoughts and ideas, the rate of retention is increased. I strongly agree that the interactive programs allow a student to increase their thought making process and it helps a student or offender to develop positive decisions.

I strongly recommend the use of the interactive and prevention series to schools, SRO units and juvenile reform organizations. The programs not only teach the importance of accountability and consequences of making bad decisions, it offers life skills and character education as well. It is a program that can be incorporated into various programs, classes or discipline settings. It is age appropriate for use in middle and high school settings and is a great educational resource for all students, no matter what the child's economic bracket or their overall background may be. It is a positive tool that can be effectively used in the prevention or intervention of negative choices.

I would like to end by commending MotInt.org for the dedication to prevention education, the high quality of operations and the professionalism displayed among staff, which I feel is a direct reflection of the programs character. Thank you so much for the opportunity to advance prevention education in my community.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Steven Whited
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