



CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Clinton Middle School Principal, I must say we were so lucky to have Stephen Kozan visit our building this school year! Stephen was able to have the attention of 280 students in grade level spans from 6th–8th grade and they were all fully engaged in his presentation. Our students LOVED him! Had our schedule allowed it, I believe our students would have spent the entire day listening to and interacting with Mr. Kozan.

While we have many students that love to read and write, we also have several students in which this is not at the top of their favorites list. You would have never known this during Mr. Kozan's visit. If you would have walked into our gym during the Flash Fiction writing contest, you would have seen a gymnasium full of students motivated and engaged in writing and enjoying it. This is the magic he brought with him while he was at Clinton Middle School. He created new fans, instilled a love of reading and writing, and inspired our students to explore their curiosity. His visit will be remembered by our students for years to come. Not only will his presentation stay with our students, he also made a positive impact on our teaching staff. Over the next few days after leaving Clinton Middle School, I heard from many staff members what a great event it was to have Mr. Kozan in our building and how they wished he would have spoken to ALL students, in all buildings within the district.

Stephen has a distinct way in which he connects with students at various grade levels.. He is funny, down to earth, easy to work with, and has a priority and commitment in helping students find things they are passionate about. During Mr. Kozan's visit, many students were positively impacted by hearing his story and listening to him speak. I cannot say enough great things about Mr. Kozan, his presentation, and communication with him. Our students, staff, and community cannot wait to have Stephen back for another visit!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Corson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Jennifer Corson
CMS Principal