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To whom it may concern:

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Stephen Kozan, and the grant, TE Connectivity, for allowing Mr. Kozan to come to our school, H. L. Watkins Middle School. This was an amazing opportunity for our students, that would not have been possible without this grant and Mr. Kozan's persistence on making this possible. I am at a Title 1 school and I was unable to afford the author visit. I had to tell him maybe next year, until he offered this grant. His Student Author Movement is an amazing organization that helps students become future authors. This was the first author visit our school has ever had, and it was a huge hit with students, staff, and administration. I am also thankful for our Library Media Services team for bringing these opportunities to my attention, as well as the FAME conference for giving Mr. Kozan a platform to get the word of his program to other media specialists all over Florida. FAME is a wonderful conference and I learned so much valuable information during my second time attending. My students are rarely exposed to real authors or becoming a real writer, so this experience was much needed and appreciated. Again, thank you Mr. Kozan and TE Connectivity for making this happen. I am eager to see which student wins the writing contest and gets their own book deal. The four finalists Mr. Kozan chose are absolutely amazing and deserving students. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely,

Chelsie Blankenship



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