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To whom it may concern,

The Student Author Movement is an incredible experience for students as it ignites the spark to be creative, passionate, and driven with their own writing. As a title 1 school, it is often difficult to find the funding to provide educational experiences outside of the classroom for learners. I can't thank the Masonic Lodge enough for providing the funding for the Student Author Movement. Their support enabled Stephen Kozan and Jaine Falcon to visit with us during the school day at no cost to us. This experience is valuable as it directly relates to our school curriculum and provides learners an opportunity to interact with an author and illustrator in real life.

After the Student Author Movement visit, many learners were excited and optimistic about their own writing. During our English Language Art class they recalled information regarding the writing process. Stephen's information about how authors and illustrators start with a rough draft and add details and hours of work on a piece of writing or drawing stuck with our learners and they were more positive about revising and editing their own work.

This year was our second visit with the Student Author Movement. I highly recommend this educational opportunity to any other educators as it is highly engaging, interactive for learners, and most importantly motivating learners to work hard in school. Last year, one of our learners was selected to write their own book. We are so excited to share her published work with our current 6th graders. Our current students are very motivated and excited for their own chance to have this incredible opportunity.

Best,

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

Valerie Loch  
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