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CHIEF OF POLICE

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Superintendent's Office

Ms. Lori Rhodes
Superintendent
20 West Lugonia Avenue
Redlands, California 92374

Superintendent Lori Rhodes,

I was intrigued to hear of the proactive efforts that the school district, under your leadership, is evaluating to help protect our children. I have reviewed the voluntary drug testing pilot program and believe that this could provide a mechanism that will assist in reducing drug usage among teenage children in our school district. Contemporary trends are clear that drug use among teenagers is increasing and that teenagers are using more serious drugs at younger ages. The teenage years are important to develop young people who are the future of our country. As you know peer pressure can be overwhelming for some young people. Programs like this provide young people the opportunity to have greater strength in not bowing to peer pressure.

I believe this plan is a positive step in the right direction to reduce serious drug use among the teenage population in our local high schools. I appreciate the school district taking proactive actions and looking at nontraditional approaches to remedy the problem. I fully support implementing this pilot program. If there is anything that the Police Department can do to assist you in educating our children on the perils of drug use please do not hesitate to contact myself or a member of our department.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Garcia
Chief of Police



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Superintendent's Office

Lori Rhodes
Superintendent of Schools
Redlands Unified School District
20 West Lugonia Avenue
Redlands, California 92374

Dear Superintendent Rhodes:

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department supports your efforts to address drug use by our youth in the Voluntary Drug Testing Program you are proposing.

Law enforcement is continually tasked with the ramifications of drug use and programs like yours that are proactive in directing our youth are essential. The design of your program enlisting the aid of the parents to help their children with the choices they make while keeping confidentiality can only help them address this potentially serious problem.

I commend you for your progressive approach to helping your students and their families and in turn the community we live. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can assist you in showing further support for this worthwhile program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rod Hoops".

Rod Hoops
Sheriff



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May 7, 2012

Ms. Lori Rhodes
Superintendent
20 West Lugonia Avenue
Redlands, CA 92374

Superintendent Lori Rhodes,

I am pleased to hear of the proactive efforts that the school district, under your leadership, is evaluating to help protect our children. I have discussed the voluntary drug testing pilot program with Mr. Best and I believe that this could provide a mechanism that will assist in reducing drug usage among teenage children in our school district. Contemporary trends are clear that drug use among teenagers is increasing and that teenagers are using more serious drugs at younger ages. The teenage years are important to develop young people who are the future of our country. As you know peer pressure can be overwhelming for some young people. Programs like this provide young people the opportunity to have greater strength in not bowing to pressure of peers.

I believe this voluntary drug pilot program is exciting in regard to its potential benefits. By design the program implementation features are non-threatening, but, rather preserve participant-school administration relationships. Therefore, the program should be a welcomed tool for use in drug use reduction among participants, equally and eagerly embraced by administrators, parents and students.

Further, I believe this plan is a positive step in the right direction to reduce serious drug use among the teenage population in our local high schools. I appreciate the school district taking proactive steps in implementing this pilot program. If there is anything that the Cops and Clergy Network can do to assist you in educating our children on the perils of drug use please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of our boards.

Sincerely,

Dr. Felix Roger Jones III
Co-Founder and President