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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR D.A.R.E. EVENT

FEBRUARY 10, 1987

-- WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AND FROM THE POLICE OFFICERS HERE TODAY WILL HELP YOU THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. THESE LESSONS WILL HELP YOU AVOID DRUGS, AND STICK TO WHAT IS RIGHT.

-- JUST KNOWING WHAT YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AND THE HIGH SELF-ESTEEM WHICH COMES WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE, WILL HELP YOU ENJOY LIFE TO ITS FULLEST AND MAKE IT COUNT . . . HELP YOU HAVE

HAPPIER RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR PARENTS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS . . . HELP YOU WITH YOUR SCHOOLWORK AND TO REACH THE GOALS YOU SET FOR YOURSELF.

-- AS YOU LEARNED TODAY, STANDING UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN TAKES COURAGE . . . SELF-CONFIDENCE . . . AND WHEN YOU DO THAT, FEELING GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF COMES EASY.

-- BELIEVING IN AND LOVING YOURSELF ARE ALSO THINGS THAT MAKE YOU CAPABLE OF LOVING OTHER PEOPLE.

-- EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PRECIOUS HUMAN BEING -- AND WORTHY OF BEING LOVED AS WELL. YOU ARE UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS, WITH YOUR VERY OWN PERSONALITIES AND TALENTS. DRUGS CAN STEAL ALL THAT AWAY FROM YOU, AND WHAT WOULD YOU BE WITHOUT THAT?

-- THERE'S A BIG, WONDERFUL WORLD OUT THERE WAITING FOR YOU. IT BELONGS TO YOU. IT'S EXCITING, STIMULATING, REWARDING. DON'T CHEAT YOURSELVES OUT OF THIS PROMISE. OUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU, BUT IT NEEDS YOU TO BE BRIGHT-EYED AND CLEAR-MINDED.

-- I WANT TO THANK THE L.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT, CHIEF GATES AND THE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE D.A.R.E. PROGRAM FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING. THERE'S NO REPLACEMENT FOR THE CARE AND CONCERN YOU ARE SHOWING FOR OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE -- OUR CHILDREN. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE.

-- TO THE TEACHERS AND ALL OF YOU IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE INSIGHT TO KNOW HOW VERY IMPORTANT DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION IS TO OUR FUTURE.

-- AND ONE LAST REQUEST FOR THE KIDS -- WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS,
YOU KNOW WHAT'S RIGHT, PLEASE, PLEASE "JUST SAY NO."

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