



# Banks County High School

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Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you so much for speaking to our students and teachers concerning the issue of teen driving related car accidents. Unfortunately, teen death related to automobile accidents is a real concern facing our communities today. In the past two years, our school has lost three students due to auto accidents. Several others sustained physical injuries that have healed over time, but the emotional pain is still present in the hearts and minds of all of us whose lives these young people touched.

It Won't Happen To Me is such an apt name for your program as this is truly the mindset of teenagers. Immortality is often viewed as one of the gifts bestowed upon young people when they hit the age of 13. Even with the loss of friends, siblings, and peers, many teenagers persist in their belief that nothing bad will touch them. Your presentation to the students once again brings the act of making good decisions to the forefront of their minds. At a time when spring break and prom are just around the corner, parents and school leaders dread the ringing of the phone that will communicate the loss or injury of one of our most precious resources, our children.

Thank you for founding this organization that takes the time to spread the word to teenagers and adults that tragedy can happen to anyone. We truly support your mission of helping reduce the number one cause of teen fatality, car crashes.

Sincerely,

Christine Bray, Assistant Principal