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February 25, 2020

Kevin Alter – The Addict's Diary

An Impactful Presentation to Students for Drug Abuse Resistance & Education

On Friday February 21st, the students of Siuslaw Middle School and Siuslaw High School were treated to the special presentation of a guest speaker, Mr. Kevin Alter. This presentation was an opportunity for students to hear not only the dangers of drug addiction from someone that has experienced that tragedy and is now helping others in their recovery, but also to never start down the path to addiction. Mr. Alter's real-life account was gripping and powerful for all that were present.

Many times some of the best curriculum messages come to the schools through partnerships. The idea of bringing in Mr. Alter to present to students started with a grass-roots movement in the community. Mr. Alter was a tremendous enhancement to the work that is already done in schools to help students deal with the reality of drug abuse. His ability to connect with students in a genuine manner in both the large assembly and personal conversations after the presentation shows his compassion and concern for the issue of drug abuse recovery, students and their families.

Additional information on Kevin Alter's personal journey and his efforts to help those recover from substance abuse can be found on his website, The Addict's Diary, at <u>https://www.theaddictsdiary.com/</u>. A visit to the website is well worth the time for any educator, community leader or parent looking to make a positive change for the youth in their community.

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Andrew Grzeskowiak, Superintendent Siuslaw School District