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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to enthusiastically recommend Dave Chameides as a guest speaker on the topic of sustainable living. Dave spoke to our group of 10 high school students bright and early on a Friday morning, and kept all students engaged, inquisitive, and aghast for the space of nearly two hours (not a small feat!). His presentation was fast-paced, interactive, and maintained a humorous edge while not undermining the seriousness of his subject. I have no doubt that his presentation left an impact on my students—it certainly did on me—and I am excited to see the ways that they integrate what they learned into their own daily practices.

Dave left me in no doubt of his ability to adapt to any kind of presentation environment and his passion for what is undeniably the most important subject facing humanity today is refreshing and contagious. I appreciate as well that he left the students with a sense of agency regarding the problem of sustainability—rather than leaving on a “So what? There’s nothing I can do about it” note, we left thinking “Wow, there’s so much that I, as an individual, can do.” He emphasized the importance and power that young people have in addressing these issues, and I think the students were truly inspired.

Sincerely,

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