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To whom it may concern,

Starting in 2017 and each subsequent year thereafter, seventh grade students at McKinleyville Middle School have had the pleasure of having Dillon Cleavenger, Permanent Lifeguard and Program Coordinator, visit school to talk about both his career and ocean safety. Careers are an integral part of our curriculum, and living on the north coast makes knowing about ocean safety tantamount to other academic activities. Earlier this year, Dillon and his colleague, Shannon Ingram, also appeared as my co-hosts on a PBS Show for kids called *Homework Hotline*. This show reaches a broad local audience as well international viewers via Youtube.

In my experience, Dillon and Shannon are the ideal guest presenters for middle school students. They are both professional, kind, tolerant (highly important for 7th grade), well spoken, knowledgeable and engaging. Students are always excited to see them, in part because they know them from other youth activities like Junior Lifeguards. The staff is always happy to have North Coast Lifeguards as well. We appreciate their willingness to generously share time regularly.

The North Coast Lifeguards are an asset to our educational community as well as the community at large. I very much appreciate their continued willingness to share their expertise on a regular basis. It is an invaluable service, and I consider them to be important community partners.

Sincerely,

Jody Himango  
7th Grade Team Lead Teacher