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To Whom It May Concern,

Be There Dad is a non-profit organization founded on the principles of the book entitled,

**Be There Dad***.*  Simply put, we believe that when dads are involved in the lives of their kids, good things happen.  With all the challenges facing children today, we believe that more than ever, dads need to play a role in their lives.   Our program has three objectives - helping men grow as dads, encouraging and coordinating activities for dads and kids to do together, and providing service to schools the kids attend. Our most common manner of engagement is establishing dads’ groups in schools.

The key to Be There Dad is the “*power of presence*” which says that when dads are involved in the lives of their children in a positive way, good things happen including:

* children achieve better grades
* they are more likely to stay in school
* they have better behavior
* they more easily build friendships
* they avoid negative behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse and violence.
* children are more likely to fulfill their individual potentials.

We recognize the efforts of The National Alliance for Father Friendly Schools in working to encourage schools and school districts in providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for fathers. We recognize that when schools intentionally welcome and engage fathers, they see improvements in behavior, attendance and student achievement.

We also encourage the support of students who do not have an easily identifiable father figure in their lives. We assist schools in helping those students participate in male engagement programs with an appropriate role model or mentor to fill that gap. We call those courageous volunteers *dad like persons.*

We are pleased to join with The National Alliance for Father Friendly Schools to work with other fatherhood organizations, school districts, parent organizations and others pursuing this mission.

Please feel free to contact me for a reference or if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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