



SHELDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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It is with great respect and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Greg Swann, founder of *Fentanyl Fathers* and collaborative partner of the *S.T.O.P. Suicide Prevention Program*. The contribution of these two organizations to the Sheldon Independent School District has been nothing short of transformative. Their partnership brought a deeply personal, informative, and action-oriented approach to addressing two critical issues affecting our youth: fentanyl awareness and suicide prevention.

The collaboration between *Fentanyl Fathers* and the *S.T.O.P. Suicide Prevention Program* resulted in a powerful, unified message that resonated across our entire district community. Greg Swann's heartfelt testimony, rooted in personal loss, gave a face and voice to the devastating consequences of fentanyl use. By combining his story with the resources and mental health framework provided by the *S.T.O.P. Program*, we were able to offer our students, staff, and families a comprehensive understanding of both the dangers of synthetic opioids and the importance of mental health support.

What made this partnership so impactful was its balance of vulnerability and empowerment. Greg's openness about his experience created an emotional connection that encouraged students to speak up, ask questions, and seek help. Simultaneously, the *S.T.O.P. Suicide Prevention Program* provided tangible strategies and resources for intervention, self-awareness, and peer support. Together, they helped us move from awareness to action, sparking conversations in classrooms, parent meetings, and staff training sessions.

Parents expressed heartfelt gratitude for the district's decision to host such a relevant and courageous presentation. Staff members reported feeling better equipped to recognize early warning signs and support students in crisis. Most importantly, students were visibly impacted, many of whom shared that Greg's story helped them think differently about the choices they make and the value of their lives.

The partnership between Greg Swann, *Fentanyl Fathers*, and the *S.T.O.P. Suicide Prevention Program* exemplifies what is possible when advocacy, education, and community come together with purpose. I wholeheartedly recommend Greg Swan and his collaborative work to any organization or district seeking to make a meaningful difference in the lives of students and families.

Sincerely,
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