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Dear Mrs. Katz,

Your speech was very inspiring to me when I heard it. It taught me to never take drugs, because even if I don't like them, I can get addicted to them. I am so sorry for the loss of your son. The way you described him in your presentation made him sound like a really good person. I just don't understand why he would do drugs. Starting the Courage to Speak Program was a good idea in my opinion. It can save many lives of teenagers. It is good that you shared your story because parents, friends, or other family will know what to look out for when their kids start to act a certain way. Guardians of kids will also know what age they should start to pay attention for signs of drug use. Thank you for coming to our school and sharing your story with us.