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To Whom It May Concern:

Corry Elementary School was fortunate enough to have "Wellsville Goes to School" visit 250 of our students in grades K-2 on May 9, 2014. Corry Elementary School is home to 520 students in grades K-6 primarily residing in the City of Corry. 70% of our students qualify for free/reduced lunch pricing and nearly 30% receive some type of special education programming. To say the least, our children currently face more adversity than many of us will face in our entire lifetime. WGTS delivered a powerful message about wellness, healthy living and hope which energized and inspired our young learners.

From the minute our students entered the gymnasium, the WGTS team engaged our students in physical activities in a way unlike any other assembly we've held at CES in recent memory. Students were smiling and actively participating in each part of the assembly. The warm, engaging and caring personalities of the WGTS team made it even more enjoyable for everyone. I have never seen our youngest students so well behaved at an assembly in the 5 years our school has existed. I credit the WGTS program, staff and message for a large part of this.

The "goodie bags" were most appreciated by the staff and students. These items will help reinforce the positive message they received during the assembly and can also help support health lessons within the classroom.

Again, WGTS was the best assembly we have had this year and one of the best we've ever experienced. I hope to be able to bring the team back to Corry again in the very near future. Without hesitation, I highly recommend Wellsville Goes to School to any school or organization wanting to provide children with a highly energizing, engaging and meaningful experience.

It has been my sincere pleasure to write this letter of support for WGTS. Should you have any questions regarding my recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Patterson, Principal