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Anti-bullying Speaker Takes Positive, Beatboxing Approach to Helping Students at Wredling Middle School

(St. Charles, IL) (January 17, 2018) – Josh Drean, recognized as one of the most entertaining and prolific youth speakers in the nation, will be visiting Wredling Middle School and talking with students on January 17 at 2:00 p.m.

“A lot of anti-bullying programs and speakers focus on the negatives, like abuse and suicide,” Drean says. “Research shows that when we focus on the negatives, the results are negative. My program seeks to reinforce positive behaviors in students by inspiring them to choose to be kind and respectful.”

Drean uses an entertaining combination of beatboxing, interactive activities, and engaging stories from his days as an unlikely college cheerleader and school mascot to teach students an important message. “The purpose of a mascot is to stand as an ideal for people to rally behind, to represent something bigger than yourself,” Drean states. “Students learn to stand up and represent themselves and others in their social interactions.” Drean focuses on developing empathy, resiliency and self-respect in students to help them turn bullying experiences into a positive learning opportunity.

Tim Loversky, principal at Wredling Middle School in St. Charles, Illinois said of Josh’s program, “The Wredling Middle School staff recognizes that bullying is a societal issue that, often, impacts students at the middle school level. We are excited to have our RedHawks hear Josh's positive message that aligns with the work we do on a daily basis at Wredling.

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