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Dear Troy,

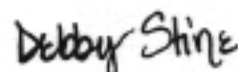
Wow! What an awesome message you delivered at our statewide 2002 OEA Convention last Thursday! There were several times as you spoke that I caught myself holding my breath and other times when chills would go up my spine. You do an unbelievable job at capturing your audience's attention and sharing your experience which sounded pretty dismal in places; and yet, your message is one of hope and encouragement. I wish teachers, students and parents everywhere could hear you talk.

Many teachers commented on their evaluations that you were a dynamic part of their day. And believe me, teachers are sometimes a very difficult audience. We go to workshops, speakers, and in-service days all the time and sometimes get a little hard to impress. I'm sure you realize how precious these good evaluations are! It is so important to most teachers to be able to make a difference in the lives of the children they work with, and that is just what you are doing also.

I greatly appreciate your efforts to help us have a worthwhile and meaningful day for our members, and I look forward to getting to hear you speak again. Please let me know when you schedule another engagement in Oklahoma.

Thank you again, and my best wishes as you share your story and touch lives in a way that few can.

Sincerely,



Debby Stine  
OEA Convention Coordinator

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