



## Junior Leadership of Aiken County

*We are the best of the best, selected from high schools across Aiken County.*

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March 6, 2013

Dear Aiken County School Board Members,

We are the 2013 Junior Leadership of Aiken County group. We recently had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with Mr. King Laurence. We took that opportunity to tell him about our class project, and now we are writing to request approval for our class project from you.

As part of Junior Leadership of Aiken County, we are required to plan a project. This year, we have the idea of creating a presentation about "High School Life" and sending it to the middle schools. In the presentation, we would discuss bullying, study skills, myths and rumors about high school, how to be your best in high school, and many other topics that we feel are necessary to discuss. After extensive discussion, we have chosen subjects that are appropriate and will be the most effective when presented to the eight grade class.

Not only do we want to make a presentation to send to the middle schools, but we also want to travel to the middle schools to present the presentation. We realize that there are many things to consider when this is brought up. How will we get to the middle schools, how much class time will we and the students be missing, how will the students benefit from having us there to present, are just a few of the questions you must be asking. We have already worked out many of these details. We can provide our own transportation; the presentation will only be about ten to fifteen minutes long; and the students can benefit from having peers who went through the same feelings and steps they are going through right now give the presentation.

You may have concerns about trusting fifteen year old students to make presentation, but we would like to reassure you. We are the Junior Leaders of Aiken County; we were selected for our mature academic and leadership qualities. We will make an appropriate presentation that will positively display the message we are trying to convey.

Thank you for considering our request for this project.

Sincerely,

Junior Leadership of Aiken County Members

## **VICKY DURDEN - Junior Leadership Aiken County**

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Cheryl,

I enjoyed visiting with your outstanding group of students on Friday. They are certainly well-informed and ask good questions. They also have a sincere concern for their community and want to make a difference.

I mentioned having students speak to the school board on March 12. That meeting and the March 26 meeting look slammed. Since the proposal to present to 8th graders already has administrative approval, let's proceed with scheduling something with middle school principals for April. Then we can get the students scheduled for the April 16 school board meeting to present what they are doing.

Please let me know if this plan will work and I'll start arranging things with the middle school academic officer and the principals.

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*King Laurence  
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