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To Whom This Concerns,

It is my distinct pleasure to write this letter by which to provide feedback regarding Michael Fosberg's performance of *Incognito* at St. Paul Academy and Summit School. Mr. Fosberg presented his compelling story to our Middle and Upper School students and faculty in January of 2012 for our annual Martin Luther King Recognition Assembly. Each year, this assembly features a speech, performance, or some other type of presentation as a way of remembering Dr. King's legacy and to highlight the continuing importance and relevance of this legacy in the daily lives of our community members. Having seen *Incognito* twice prior to this, I recognized that the themes of race, identity, and inclusion so present in the performance were precisely in line with SPA's mission and diversity initiatives and had sought to bring him to our community since.

It is not often that a performer so thoroughly captivates our students, but had Mr. Fosberg not been speaking, I believe you could have actually heard a pin drop in the room that day – they were completely entranced. This is especially impressive given that this assembly includes such a wide range of students (grades 6-12). I typically do not get as much feedback as I did after Mr. Fosberg's visit, and was still hearing comments about the program throughout the school year. In fact, much of the developmental work we did afterwards with both students and faculty was directly connected to the themes of his presentation, and we are continuing to plan related programming over the summer for next year.

Needless to say, having Mr. Fosberg here was an incredible experience for our community. He clearly touched several students and faculty – especially those with similar backgrounds and/or experiences – in ways which allowed them to embrace their unique identities. His ability to easily adapt to our last minute changes was also much appreciated, and I wouldn't hesitate neither to recommend him to any school, organization, or program focused around diversity, identity, and inclusion, nor to bring him back here in the near future.

Cordially,

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