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HELLO TCDSB Student Council Central!

I am thrilled to join you, Michael Consul, and the amazing student leaders and staff of your school board for your virtual Student Council Central event on February 3rd.

I will be your keynote speaker for about 30 minutes around 11:30am. Below is my bio, presentation summary, and a link to resources summarizing my presentation.

I look forward to sharing my high-energy, inspirational comedy and leadership training in my unique presentation: Initiate Inclusion by Invitation.

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Andy Thibodeau was called “Mr. School Spirit” by the alumni magazine of King’s College at Western University (London, ON) when they named him alumni of the year in 2014. This passion for leadership and school spirit started in late grade 7 when Andy successfully ran for student council Vice President. He won because no one ran against him! From organizing dances in 8th grade, pep rallies in high school and orientation week in University, Andy’s enthusiasm for leadership and community service led to his unique career of inspiring students and staff across the continent.

Since 1992, Andy has delivered thousands of fun inspirational presentations to schools and conferences across North America. Over two million people have experienced his IMPACT Presentations in all 10 Canadian provinces and 40 US states. Through his hilarious comedy and true-life stories, Andy delivers a message that everyone can relate to. His presentations are unique due to his international speaking experiences, the personalization of each talk to the activities of the school or organisation, and his high-energy style.

Andy empowers leaders because he was always an active school leader: Student Council VP in elementary school, Student Council President in high school, and Orientation Week coordinator at King’s University College. Highlights of his leadership career include Much Music naming his high school the “Most Spirited School in Canada” while he was president in 1989, founding a student leadership camp, training the staff of dozens of camps and recreation programs, and several leadership roles at his place of worship and in his community.

You will be moved by his experiences having 3 new Canadian teens from Africa live with his family for 10 months in 2019. Andy missed the last 2 days of Orientation week 1991 as the Spirit Leader of the Welcome team due to heat exhaustion! Yes, he had TOO MUCH spirit and energy! Andy rebuilt homes across 3 Mission trips to Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina, visited his sponsor child in Kenya, and chaperoned most of the dances at his daughter’s elementary school! In 2020 Andy worked full-time for 9

months at Costco as he challenged himself with a frontline job during the pandemic. In 2022 he balances his virtual speaking with working at the largest vaccine clinic in southwestern Ontario!

Andy lives in his hometown of London, Ontario with his wife and two daughters. The experiences of his wife as a high school French and Computers teacher and his daughters as students are woven into all of his IMPACT Programs!

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“Initiate Inclusion by Invitation” – Celebrate Differences, Build Community

ANDY’S LEADERSHIP TRAINING ON COURAGE, COMPASSIONATE CHANGE, AND CONNECTION

For 10 months in 2018-19, Andy’s family had three young women from Congo live with them until their housing situation was settled. The ongoing experience of being “Uncle Andrew” to new Canadians from Africa is hilarious, powerful, and insightful. When you initiate inclusion by invitation, his family’s experience shows that the rewards go both ways – blessing the giver and receiver!

Andy’s presentation blends his unique inclusion experiences from his work as a student leader at all his schools, as a volunteer at a multi-faith children’s Peace Camp, working for 9 months in 2020 at Costco, and his 30 years in education. Andy offers encouragement and training in: Initiating inclusion; creating courage to invite conversation and connection; building courage and advocacy in others; communication and team building insights; tools on advocating for your needs because YOU deserve inclusion; and maintaining enthusiasm for invitation and leadership!

Inclusion – Unity, not Uniformity. “Seeing differences – without seeing the difference.”

GOOGLE DRIVE LINK TO ANDY’S RESOURCES – A ONE-PAGE SUMMARY AND A TWO-PAGE REVIEW

[Andy's Google Drive - Initiate Inclusion by Invitation Resources](#)

ONE-PAGE SUMMARY below

INITIATE INCLUSION BY INVITATION

INITIATE *Leaders “start”: The conversation ; The invitation ; The example for others to follow*

INCLUSION *The inspiring combination of seeing differences without seeing a difference*

INVITATION *Sit with me, walk with us, tell me more, join us, how can I help, I want to know why.*

COURAGE – Action and Energy

BARRIERS TO INCLUSION: 1. Your Courage to Approach Others. 2. The confidence of others to get involved and believe in their abilities. 3. Infinite numbers of barriers, so leaders must ASK “how can I help?”

Your Challenge is courage: to ask questions and admit “I don’t know – help me learn”.

SHARE YOUR BARRIER: “I need help”, “How can I improve?” Ask friends, family, teachers. Go beyond Google

SHARE YOU: YOU DESERVE INCLUSION! YOUR Example Inspires Others! YOU are GOOD ENOUGH!

COMPASSIONATE CHANGE – Patience, Inclusion, Service

“APPROACHABLE and the DISNEY 15/5 RULE”

Do you want the reputation of being approachable? The key to being approachable is to consistently show others that you will approach them FIRST! The power of the “Hi rule”. Disney 15/5 Rule – By 15 feet, make eye contact with others. Between 15 and 5 feet, say HI! In Canada, it is the 5 meter and 2-meter rule!

“How Can I help?” “Why is that?” “What are your thoughts?” “Join us” “How can you help?”

CONNECTION – Build a Community that Inspires each other.

“HELLO MY NAME IS ...” GETTING BETTER WITH NAMES

“I am bad with Names”. A common statement from everyone. We are ALL bad at learning names. The best way to get better - ask for their name again! “Say my name” activity – learn the history of their name!

“SMALL TALK TO SMART TALK”

You are INTERESTING when you show INTEREST in the lives of others! You do this by **ASKING QUESTIONS**. Your interest makes you interesting! Ask “why?” Start with a compliment. Don’t disappear on your phone!

“You dominate a conversation by talking. You CONTROL a conversation by ASKING Questions”

CONNECTION

“Tell me more about you.” “What did you do ... ?” “Can I help you?” “How can you get more involved?”

Invite others to share: their story, their barriers, their talents

Share Your Care!

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