#### **Student Testimonials**

### **Grade 12 Student**

Day you spoke: 11/24/15

Day my life changed: 11/25/15

Thank you for coming to the school and speaking. Thank you as well, for the compliment – I will never forget it nor the fact that everyone has a story. When you put the Kleenex box down, my heart started pounding. I knew I had to go first. I didn't know I had gotten up until I was out of my seat. You see, I'm a Christian so I believe it was God telling me that I needed to take the lead this time.

Smile, Laugh, Believe You're Trustworthy! You're Helpful! You're Amazing! You're Outstanding! "Never Give Up On A Dream"

You have helped me open my eyes and heart to people more than I have before. I never knew what I wanted to do next year when I'm out of school but you have inspired me beyond belief to speak to people and help. I want to make a change. What happened in the group session opened doors up in my heart and life. So, thank you so very much. I'm so thankful to have met you.

## <u>Student</u>

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The Dwayne Peace presentation was extremely powerful. In the small group sessions, students were given an opportunity to have a voice. They discussed challenges that they were currently facing in life and everyone supported one another. This brought students closer together and gave students a sense of belonging and trust within the small group, which has extended through out the entire school.

#### **Grade 12 Female Student**

I don't know if you remember me much but I go to the school that you were at yesterday. You haven't really spoke to me since the last time you were at my school when you did the suicide and eating disorders. Yesterday I was going to stay after the presentation of alcohol and drugs presentation just to tell you that time when I spoke to you in grade 8 about 4 years ago. I was 15. But anyways that day you changed my life. I was about to leave everything, my life, my family, my friends. Until I talked to you. You helped me a lot and I didn't even tell you my whole story. I just wanted to let you know that you were the reason I stayed. The reason I am still here. I am now 17 and still battling depression but I thank you so much. You are a life changer. Thank you again.

## **Student President**

Dwayne Peace is not named the way he is for no reason – This man has chosen such a path that delivers eye-opening, heart-changing and mind-washing ideas and fundamentals of peace to the peers he so exuberantly exerts himself towards. His enthusiastic and well-approachable words and context give glimpses of what life would and should be like, as a student, to have a harmonious and completely positive background to learn, and really, flourish in. School should be a place no one is afraid to attend!

Not only is he giving absolutely wonderful help, advice, and direction to students and even adults he presents to, he stresses that the choice of the person is the person's to make..which really challenges one's ability to look inside oneself for the right and good answer. It may be true, that through this challenge, peers may end up feeling atoned and even as new people!

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Dwayne has the awesome power to make people see, and realize the goodness, compassion and understanding- everything good that must be replaced with the hate and negativity that is all-too-common throughout a considerable amount of schools and people's lives today. Many people undoubtedly will be affected in different ways by Dwayne Peace, whether more or less intensely-it's completely up to one's ability to take in what he has to say. The way I see it- If used to its fullest, his words can be truly heart-altering in power, and completely enlightening. He proclaims compassion, for everyone, to anyone... Why, in most cases, must we only hold compassion and care for someone only when we know what they've been through, or who they are? One of the many fundamentals Mr. Peace sees through is the act of showing these qualities towards anyone, no matter who they are, if we know them or not.

The life lessons, the concepts for students and people to build upon... Everything that Dwayne Peace shows his peers has the potential to truly change and save lives- he truly acts as a beautifully strong light in the darkness. A visit and presentation from him holds this, and so much more..it is time amazingly well spent!

# **Student**

I made you a promise that I would email you about everything going on in my life... I should most likely remind you who I am first though. My name is [name] you came and spoke at my High School on Thursday. I came up to you afterwards and you told me that you had your eye on me the whole time. The presentation you gave was mind blowing, everything you said to us, really sunk in. Usually we don't bother to listen to speakers who come because they all say the same thing, but you really made everyone get into your speech. It was outstanding. I am sorry this email took so long, I guess I just put it off to long but I knew you were waiting for it, so here I am.



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