



Provo School District

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to write a letter of support for the *radKIDS program* that has been used over the last two years in several of our school district's elementary schools. The *radKIDS program* is designed to inform and instruct children and their parents regarding a variety of dangers that children may face in our community. The feedback I have received from parents, children, principals, and teachers since we implemented this program has been very positive and I am glad to see it expanding.

We have been grateful for the support of the Office of the Utah County Sheriff as we have been developing the program. He has allowed personnel to participate with teachers and trainers in the schools. It has been useful to evolve community agencies and resources as we have moved the program forward. School PTA's, church organizations, and other community groups have sponsored meetings during the school day and in the evening to move the *radKIDS program* forward in Provo City.

As I have observed and participated in the program, I have been most impressed by the involvement that children get as they physically practice the skills they are being taught. In the past I have seen other programs that rely on lectures and worksheets without any real participation from the children being taught. As I attended the evening culmination activity with my own third grade daughter, I was happy to see that in addition to knowing what she should do in a variety of challenging situations, she could act on her knowledge and demonstrate her understanding. Two years later, she can still recall what she learned and can show assertive reactions to dangers.

I am supportive of the *radKIDS program* because of the direct benefit it provides to children and their parents in reacting actively to potential dangers in our community. The presenters are well trained and screened by the sheriff's office. The program is very practical and easily understood by children. If you would like more information about setting up the program for your school or community, visit the website at www.radKIDS.org. Feel free to contact me for further comment.

Sincerely,

Ray W. Morgan
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