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Family Diversity Projects
Peggy Gillespie
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Dear Ms. Gillespie:

The Charleston County School District would like to thank you for bringing the "Nothing to Hide" Program to our students. This excellent program educated students, faculty, staff, and clinicians to work towards eliminating the stigma and prejudice from mental disabilities. The high school years, as reported in the Harvard University Report from the Prevot's Committee on Student Mental Services, can mark the onset of the most serious psychiatric conditions. "Accidents (often precipitated by alcohol abuse) and suicide are the first and third leading cause of death in the 15 to 24 year age group. With this understanding, we salute this outstanding program that helped us educate our school staff to, as the report indicates "create a milieu that ameliorates potential triggers of crises" and lay new understandings that lead to appropriate services when clinical care is indicated."

We look forward to you bringing this program back to our schools next school year. The benefits of bringing "Nothing To Hide": Mental Illness in Family to so many of our Charleston County Schools during October 2000 will enable us to continue educating, and most importantly work on eliminating the stigmas of this disease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candice Bates-Quinn".

Candice Bates-Quinn Guidance
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c: Ann Birdseye
School Connection Staff

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