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Mr. Erik Palmer  
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Dear Erik,

The dual workshops you presented at Hebron Academy in early fall, on teaching speaking for all faculty, and on speaking and presentations to all the senior class, gave tremendous impetus to Hebron's ongoing effort to teach speaking to all students.

Now, as we have reached the mid-year and have enjoyed the "Last Word" speeches given by more than 30 of the Class of 2013 students to the entire school, each on their own special day, I can attest to the impact your training has had on our students and school. Your book *Well Spoken* has become a manual for student speakers and teachers, and PVLEGS a mantra of understanding of the key components of speaking and communicating one's message. The poise, voice, life, eye contact, gestures, and speed of our speakers is noteworthy, as is the understanding by peers and classmates of where they may suggest or need improvement. The seniors remember your workshop and, most importantly, your message and tips, because you met them on their level and engaged them with humor and candor.

Even the in-class speeches and projects by first-year students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade have PVLEGS and markedly stronger delivery this year—clearly the result of the training and coaching you gave our teachers.

Erik, I will happily endorse your workshops and your teaching techniques for all students and teachers. Speaking and teaching speech is a critical skill and emphasis at Hebron Academy. My pride grows every time I hear and see one of our students speak comfortably and effectively before their peers, teachers, or the public, because I know the pride he or she feels in that accomplishment.

Seriously speaking, we take speaking seriously at Hebron, thanks to your training. We look forward to our next opportunity for you to return to school for another workshop.

Most sincerely and gratefully,

John J. King  
Head of School