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Dear Fellow Educators,

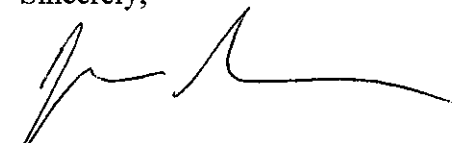
My name is Meryem Ibrahim and I am the School Counselor at the School for Tourism and Hospitality. As the Respect for All Liaison in our school community, I always look for innovative ways to discuss and promote anti-bullying initiatives. While working with our New York City youth for almost a decade, I've realized fun, engaging and energetic forms of presentations work best with our students.

For the past few years, I have had the fortunate opportunity in working with Box Out Bullying. When looking for new ways to discuss bullying, I always envisioned bringing in people who took a unique approach while discussing the topic. Box Out Bullying does just that with their fun, interactive and engaging performance.

Each year, I schedule a one hour presentation for my 9th graders in order to address the concerns of bullying. This organization makes it very easy to schedule and work with. They bring their own equipment, set up quickly and end the day with a presentation that leaves an ever lasting impression on students. Their presentation includes utilizing two of our students and a few staff members making it more realistic and intriguing for students. Their presentation also helps clarify and define what bullying is as I always witness students not being clear with what it is and the signs of it.

What I enjoy most when collaborating with Box Out Bullying is watching how such a important topic is presented in an age appropriate form for our students to understand. Students find their presentation full of humor while also bringing home the bigger picture, which is the severity of bullying and its long term effects. I highly recommend Box Out Bullying to students throughout the country. They are versatile in their ability to relate to all youth. I look forward to working with them in the future.

Sincerely,



Ms. Meryem Ibrahim