## 720 Cross Street Burlington, Kansas 66839

## **Burlington Middle School**

March 26, 2003

Judge Tom Webb P.O. Box 517 Sublette, Kansas 67877

Dear Tom:

Thank you so much for the wonderful message that you delivered to the Burlington Middle School students and staff. Hearing of the hardships that you faced as a child and the manner in which you overcame them was a truly motivational experience. Looking across the theater at our students, I saw a remarkable sight---200 middle school students, all listening intently as you shared your story. I knew as I watched them sit motionless for nearly an hour that they were touched by your inspirational presentation.

The day after you spoke to us, I received the letter below from the mother of one of our eighth grade girls.

'Thank you for arranging for Judge Webb to speak to the students at BMS. My daughter related his entire story to me last night as I prepared dinner. As she spoke of his life, the trials he faced, and how he was able to overcome his adversities it touched us both. What a wonder message he delivered to the students. His emphasis on looking for the blessings in life is a lesson that all young people need to hear. What a wonderful speaker! Thank you so much for taking the time out of the school day to allow the students the opportunity to hear this amazing man.'

Thank you again for traveling to Burlington to deliver a message which both inspired and motivated our students. It was an unforgettable experience for all in attendance.

Sincerely,

Jane B. Nuessen Principal Burlington Middle School