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Thank you to all involved in the Career Street Erie Experience at the Border Patrol this morning. It was a fantastic experience for students.

The Border Patrol agents planned our two hour trip perfectly. The students were shown a video highlighting what the Border Patrol does, and how responsibilities at the northern and southern borders are different. We got to see a demonstration with a narcotics sniffing dog. The Black Lab surprised us as many were expecting a German Shepherd. We were able to see some of the equipment and vehicles that the agents use to keep our country safe.

The best part about the experience were the Question/Answer sessions after each segment. Our students asked thoughtful questions that the agents were able to answer clearly and on the level of students.

The take-aways from today's experience go well beyond just the duties of an agent. The agents talked about the problem with drugs inside our country, and encouraged students to stay away from them. They stressed the importance of good grades and behavior, and remarked how juvenile records can follow a person if they were ever to apply for a job of that nature. Character matters, as does hard work and dedication.

To the agents helping us today: Thank you for a very memorable morning. I will highly

recommend this experience to others, and may request a return trip later in the year for the students who were at the State Cross Country meet.

Thanks also go out to Ms. Pontzer from Career Street Erie, the Harbor Creek School district, and to Parents for allowing your children to attend.

Sincerely,
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