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AHS Sophomore Influential in Bringing Special Guest to District

AHS sophomore, Elijah Dillaman, put in the effort to make a May 6 guest appearance by nationally recognized school assembly speaker, Terrence Talley a reality for our middle school and high school students!

Elijah Dillaman is looking forward to seeing lives changed.

"Terrence speaks life. And life is what I felt when I first heard Terrence. Middle school was a struggle for me as it was for most people. The stress and anxiety I was put under was near unbearable.

When I first heard Terrence I felt uplifted and was brought to tears by his story. The stories I have heard from people my age about their lives breaks my heart. So, when I saw an opportunity to bring Terrence here I grabbed it."

Altoona High School principal and incoming superintendent, Dan Peggs, said, "When Elijah requested a meeting with me about bringing Terrence to our school community, I could sense his passion and drive to make our Altoona High School even better. Elijah then took it upon himself to schedule a meeting during his spring break with Terrence's organization and myself. The rest was history. If our community is led by individuals like Elijah in the future, I know we are in good hands."

Terrence's mission is to "value, inspire and empower students to live the life they were meant to live." His goal is that every student would know their story matters and deserves to be heard.

Community Invited:

The presentation is made possible through a partnership with Harvestime Church in Eau Claire, where Terrence will do a community presentation at 6:30 pm (also on May 6).



Terrence Talley will present to AMS students on May 6, at 1:15 pm, and to AHS students at 2:40 pm. Both appearances will be held in the Altoona High School gym.

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