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Bound for Greatness

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces -

On Wednesday, May 20th, members of the Hopatcong community were *Bound for Greatness* as guided by former arena football player Duane (“D”) West. The theme of the seminar was to empower and encourage parents to serve as extraordinary role models for the children of the community. The presentation was informative, inspiring and emotional as Mr. West provided poignant examples of his own childhood in order to better recommend strategies for positive parenting. Mr. West’s dynamic delivery kept the audience thoroughly engaged with his down-to-earth memoirs of growing up in a single-parent household. It is believed that many of the parents in the audience could relate to the difficulties of raising children with this type of family structure and the struggles that they encounter on a regular basis. At the conclusion of the program, numerous attendees commented on the anecdotes, offered follow up questions about Mr. West’s family and solicited his advice on how to handle their own personal challenges. Judging by the volume of questions on behalf of the members of our community, we are hopeful that the message D. West delivered will resonate and urge parents to put their best foot forward to inspire greatness. The district is in the planning stages to organize another event in the fall that will enable Mr. West to present to each school and host an additional evening seminar with parents.

