

March 4, 1987

Dear Educator;

This spring, The Kamloops-Shuswap Peace Council will have the pleasure of offering a unique opportunity to the Sr. Secondary students of Kamloops. On April 15, 1987, four vibrant young people from Quebec will arrive in our city to talk with students about peace. They are members of a group called "Students Against Global Extermination", or S.A.G.E.. Since September, 1986, the Youth Nuclear Disarmament Tour has been received warmly across Canada, by enthusiastic students and educators, as well as the press. The Kamloops School Board has granted their permission to approach principals regarding S.A.G.E. presentations in our local schools.

S.A.G.E. will be available to speak in each of the four Sr. Secondary schools in Kamloops on April 16th. Generally, their presentations include the showing of a film, followed by a discussion period. In addition, S.A.G.E. would like permission to sell t-shirts and buttons after the presentation. Each school is also requested to pay a \$125 honorarium to the tour.

Please find enclosed copies of letters of endorsement and further information supplied to us by S.A.G.E., as well as a summary of what organisation will be necessary to bring S.A.G.E. to your school.

Due to the sensitivity of the subject matter, teachers and parents are likely to have some reservations about this project, as did the members of K.S.P.C.. However, a taped interview from CBC radio and the high praise repeatedly awarded in letters and news stories assured us that S.A.G.E. would relate a positive, educational message and leave students inspired and hopeful. Dr. Gordon Edwards, a science professor at Vanier College, described the S.A.G.E. presentation as

"calm, very reasonable, highly informative, and remarkably free of any partisan political slant. Their message seemed to be: 'Look. This is a problem for the whole human race... we cannot solve the problem by running away from it. It is therefore extremely important for us all to educate ourselves on the issues and to become actively involved in the search for a solution.'"

One thing is very clear from our information:
S.A.G.E.'s intention is to educate and motivate, not to frighten. Studies have shown that students do worry about nuclear war. We feel that it would be beneficial to deal with their concerns openly, and allow them to consider S.A.G.E.'s alternative to fear. This is an opportunity to have these fears addressed thoughtfully and intelligently, made all the more powerful because the S.A.G.E. students are young, informed and dynamic.

A representative will contact your office for an interview at your earliest convenience, and will answer any questions at that time. As our time with S.A.G.E. is extremely limited, we urge you to inform us of your decision to participate as soon as possible. For additional information, or to confirm your interest in participating, please contact Lissa Millar at 376-1550.

Yours in Peace,

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