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There are people who talk about doing things. And there are people who go ahead and do them. This past weekend we saw a group of our amazing high school students do something.

This year a bus left our own school heading for the March for Life. This is a first around here. Our Students for Life chapter which is under the direction of the Student Ambassador Team worked diligently to plow through the long list of details involved with pulling off this incredible feat.

And they succeeded. As I rode the bus watching this unfold, I wasn't all that surprised. I've been around this group for months now. They are fearless and determined. They understand something many people haven't fully grasped.

Too often people don't try big things because they are afraid of failing or because it is just too hard. If there is an easier way, it is often the preferred method. Our Students for Life chapter recognizes an important fact. Failure is not the opposite of success. Apathy, indifference, and often time a lack of will are actually the opposite of success. Dictionaries may not agree, but life experiences are better resources. Failure is a stepping stone to success.

I've watched this team move forward with a clear plan since last May. Sometimes driven by the sheer force of will of the team leaders, but all the while moving forward with the plan. As more and more talented members join the team, bigger successes are possible.

This past weekend was an example. Our Students for Life chapter has such depth now that they can do great things that will build upon past successes and lead to many more. Every student on that bus was included in the group described by our bus driver as "The finest group of young women and men I have ever driven in my 14 years on this job." We have already arranged for Herb to be our lead driver next year.

We are also already working on plans for next year. Experience is a great teacher. We'll make some adjustments. We'll correct some things and we will make it even better next year.

Congratulations and many thanks to this inspiring group of students.

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