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I am writing as parent of a hockey player in the Twin City Hockey program. My son has had the chance to participate several times in the Dillon Clinic. Not only has John Dillon and his staff been extremely professional in terms of hockey knowledge and skills, but I have been very impressed with John's level of interaction with the children. As an educator myself for twenty-four (24) years, I understand the importance of positive interactions with children when working with them. John is always encouraging, offers positive feedback, uses appropriate language, and offers modeling techniques which children can relate to. In the world of education these strategies go a long way in the teaching and learning process. In my professional opinion, it is for reasons such as these that the John Dillon Clinics are such a success with young hockey players. Young hockey players are very lucky to have the John Dillon Clinics to participate in.