

February 11, 2006

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Berger,

Recently, I have been informed that your daughter, Jennifer, has been acting differently, while slipping in her grades. Her teachers alerted me of this matter because it has been quite evident that Jennifer seems depressed and unmotivated. As your daughter’s guidance counselor, I have met with her on a few occasions throughout the beginning of the year, simply about classes and how the adjustment from middle school to high school was going. She was rather positive and excited for the years to come; moving onto higher education and learning new subjects. Last week, after hearing about these changes in your daughter, I decided to call her down to my office to conduct a meeting with her. I asked her questions similar to those I had in the beginning of the school year, but seemed to be receiving different answers. Jennifer responded in a low tone of voice, and seemed extremely disconnected from the conversation. I am aware that maybe she was just having a bad day in my office, but after hearing from her teachers about her attitude change and grades dropping, I decided to look into her case. The reason I am so concerned with your daughter is because as a child, a family member of mine was depressed, and it can be extraordinarily difficult to deal with.

After looking up her files, it was noted that Jennifer made a visit to Principal Hunter’s office in order to discuss an incident of cyber-bullying that happened to her by another student. This visit was in the beginning of January, and since then, her grades have significantly dropped. As a counselor and a mother myself, I ask for you to please review the attached report cards, as well as talk with your daughter about the incident and maybe try to monitor her computer use so this does not occur again. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call my office at (437) 946-8770 ext. 8540, or email me at hnewton.pineview.k12.mo.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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