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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2012 12:17 PM
To: 'jcarwell@doe.k12.de.us'
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: serious issues at Gateway lab school

[REDACTED]

Good Morning Mr. Carwell,

My name is [REDACTED] and my daughter [REDACTED] is in the 6th grade at Gateway lab charter. This is our first year at the school and it has not been a good experience. I am not only with the concerns, I have support from several families mostly parents of 6th grade children. Briefly I will give a few examples but would rather meet face to face. After 2 months into school year my daughter's homeroom teacher leaves with only a few days noticed. Her math teachers are "guest teachers" because they have no teacher to fill the position. The principal also stepped down and is never available. I requested a meeting with her, took off work and when I show up, I'm greeted with she tried to call you to cancel because she wasn't feeling well. No call ever was made to me, I find out she sent an email to my work address 2 hours prior to our scheduled meeting. I did however talk with a Mrs. Leonard who is Dean of Students and she was going to forward info to Mrs. Draper. I never received a call to reschedule or if she even received notes from Mrs. Leonard. I did reach out to Ms. Laura Kirkpatrick, she sits on GLS board and only after she contacted Mrs Draper about my email to her that she called me in for meeting. At this point I feel it's useless. There is NO leadership in this school. The behaviors from the students is serious, Violent outburst, flipping tables, smashing teachers in door jams, threatening students with scissors, punching students in the stomach as they walk by and the verbal bullying to other students and teachers daily. I personally witnessed a student stabbing a child with a pencil and when reported to teacher the student got shrugged shoulders. With all that, my daughter cries every day and begs not to return. She is showing signs of depression and is scared to death to go to school. The school's mission for being a school for children with learning disabilities is far from truth. What I see is children with severe behavior issues that interfere with children that really need to be there because of ADD and Dyslexia.

* I also question curriculum. I never see anything that the kids are studying (only one teacher posts info on her webpage). With the new reading and English teacher we know nothing about her direction on teaching the kids. Never see spelling words all they do is read out loud and books that are for first graders?

In math, nothing comes home. I have no idea what they teach. I have seen No books because they can not bring them home. How can a child study?

I really need someone to take this seriously. The physical and mental bullying needs to be taken seriously.

I'm concerned about this 6th grade class. What a horrible situation they are in not have a stable teaching environment, teachers coming and going are they really learning anything?

I might have to get a lawyer to help me with this one because GLS has failed my daughter academically, emotionally and physically. Please help!!

No response - Sent again

on 11/5/12 Email
Sent to
Laura Kirkpatrik
See
Email from
her.

> Cc: [REDACTED]
> Subject: Urgent issues that need to be addressed

> Good morning,
> My name is [REDACTED] This is my daughters first year at GLS and is
> in the 6th grade.
> I have serious concerns on the welfare and safety go students and
> teachers. I have taken a few of concerns a few members of
> administrative staff and have not be very successful. I also arraigned a
> meeting with mrs draper, took of work and when I get there, I'm greeted
> with she tried to call you to cancel. I received no calls. She emailed
> in 6 am to my work email telling me she has been sick for 2weeks and
> decided to go to mau the day of or meeting. I have yet to get a call
> from her to apologize or even reschedule.
> I need to speak with someone who will listen and take action. I fear my
> daughter is going to need therapy to help cope with the violence and
> language you sees on a daily bases.
> Please help me help this kids and protect them.

> Thank you for your time

> [REDACTED]

I just realized my daughter was

> logged on iPad

> Sent from my iPad

* Emails get me nowhere
So please read and call
me soon. Before I go
to news journal and
news 10

10/25/12

From: Draper Pam <Pam.Draper@glc.k12.de.us>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2012 6:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting at Gateway

Ms. [REDACTED]

Are you available to meet this afternoon? I have been fighting a nasty cough for the past two weeks and I am trying to get a doctor's appointment this morning, I am available to meet anytime after noon today.

Warmest regards,

Pam Draper
Gateway Lab School

Scheduled a meeting to address
Several concerns
Child Safety - from Violence in
School & Bullying by 3 boys
in class.

Abime note never seen
because I left off work for our
9AM meeting. No phone call placed.