

**From:** [allen\\_tara](mailto:allen_tara)  
**To:** [REDACTED] "[canonbhai@comcast.net](mailto:canonbhai@comcast.net)"  
**Cc:** [Stover Debbie](mailto:Stover_Debbie); [Gilbert Karen](mailto:Gilbert_Karen); [Nagourney Jennifer](mailto:Nagourney_Jennifer); [Kay-Lawrence Sheila](mailto:Kay-Lawrence_Sheila); [Carwell John](mailto:Carwell_John); [Carlson Jennifer](mailto:Carlson_Jennifer); [Whalen Michelle](mailto:Whalen_Michelle)  
**Subject:** RE: Alyssa and Elena Davis  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 5:40:06 PM

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Good Evening,

Your request for release of your daughters is granted. Have a great school year.

"Reaching and Teaching for Excellence"

Regards,

Ms. Tara Allen, School Leader

Reach Academy for Girls  
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302-654-3720  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 5:09 PM  
**To:** allen tara; '[canonbhai@comcast.net](mailto:canonbhai@comcast.net)'  
**Cc:** Stover Debbie; Gilbert Karen; Nagourney Jennifer; Kay-Lawrence Sheila; Carwell John; Carlson Jennifer; Whalen Michelle  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

I realize that you will be performing an investigation into the situation and the end result may be that Reach Academy may not have the ability to release my children do to the 1st year agreement contract.

Attached you will find that I have completed the "Good Cause" form for both [REDACTED] as both girls experienced being "Bullied". I am requesting to choice [REDACTED] out of Reach Academy for Girls and Choice them into [REDACTED] School for "Good Cause" for the reason of "Bulling". As stated in the email below. I have stressed my concerns and although you have stated that with absolute assurance that my girls will be safe please understand, that is not a risk I am willing to take.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lloyd Casson [<mailto:canonbhai@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014 12:23 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Good morning, [REDACTED],

Thank you for your response. As promised, the board will launch an investigation in this matter today and will get back to you as soon as possible. I need to let you know that what Ms. Allen said about the bureaucratic and legal obstacles to withdrawing your children once they have been enrolled and all parental certifications signed, is unfortunately, quite true. I assure you that the board's investigation will include consultation on this point as well.

Although we will act as quickly as possible, I again urge you to permit your daughters to attend classes at Reach, with our absolute assurance of their safety. To not do so could put what you are requesting even further out of reach from the standpoint of the regulations.

In any case, as promised, we will perform a thorough investigation, including further conversation with you, and informing you directly of its outcome.

Peace,

The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson  
Board President, Reach Academy

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 27, 2014, at 5:17 AM, "[REDACTED]":

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> Thank you sooo very much for your reply. I have been very upset about this entire ordeal so much so that I'm unable to sleep...I just couldn't have ever imagined that any of my children would have ever had to be put in a situation where they feel unsafe and for both of my girls to have problems on DAY ONE...I was shocked. I am a mom of four kids (24, 17, 6 & 7)...In all my years and all of the various schools my kids have attended...never have I ever been made to feel as though I don't have the right to address my concerns or talk with my children's teachers about a problem! The sad part in all of this is I was really looking forward to giving my girls all that Reach had to offer but I can tell you honestly that after the way that I was treated by Ms. Allen there is no way I would truly feel confident that my girls will not have anymore issues or feel welcome and a part of your school and believe me where my kids are involved so am I! Right now I feel that I need to do what's best for my girls and my family and that is to find them a place where they will feel safe and want to learn.

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> I truly appreciate your reply and look forward to the response of releasing my daughters records so we can move on.

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> Thanks again and have a blessed day!

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> Sincerely,

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> [REDACTED]

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> [REDACTED]

> From: Lloyd Casson [canonbhai@comcast.net]  
> Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:41 PM  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

> Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

> Please forgive the lateness of my reply to your message. It is only now that I am having the opportunity to review and respond to this afternoon's email.

> I am very sorry to learn both of the apparent bullying of your daughters on the school playground yesterday and your unfortunate experience with Ms. Allen this morning. I will do my very best to determine what is behind all of this, I promise. I am sorry that you feel your only option is to remove your daughters, and I urge you to reconsider. Despite this unfortunate experience at the beginning of their time at Reach Academy, I believe that here your girls will have the chance to grow and learn, mature and develop self confidence, and realize their fullest potential. I say this because of the special and professional resources available to all students, including those with special needs. Our goal is their success.

> Having said this, based upon what you say in your letter, I do not blame you for being very upset, and I am feeling your pain as well as [REDACTED]. Please expect a response and feel free to contact me.

> Peace,  
> Lloyd+  
> (The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson,  
> Board President, Reach Academy for Girls  
> (302) 530-3821<tel:(302)%20530-3821>Peace,  
> Lloyd+

> Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 26, 2014, at 3:07 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

> Rev. Canon,

> I wanted to share my email below with you...I have tried to reach you with all of the possible email

combinations. I also tried sending a message through the Reach Board of director email but all have been unsuccessful. Someone from your church was kind enough to give me your email. Hopefully this one will work.

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> Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.

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> Sincerely,

> [REDACTED]

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> From: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 2:51 PM  
> To: 'ReachBoardofDirectors@reach.k12.de.us<<mailto:ReachBoardofDirectors@reach.k12.de.us>>.'  
> Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

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> The email that I had listed for  
canon.casson@reachacademyfg.com<<mailto:canon.casson@reachacademyfg.com>> was incorrect.  
Hopefully this new email will get to the board of directors.

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> From: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 2:33 PM  
> To: ' tara.allen@reach.k12.de.us<<mailto:tara.allen@reach.k12.de.us>>';  
' canon.casson@reachacademyfg.com<<mailto:canon.casson@reachacademyfg.com>>'  
> Cc: 'Debbie.stover@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:Debbie.stover@doe.k12.de.us>>';  
' Jennifer.nagourney@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:Jennifer.nagourney@doe.k12.de.us>>';  
' Sheila.lawrence@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:Sheila.lawrence@doe.k12.de.us>>';  
' john.carwell@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:john.carwell@doe.k12.de.us>>';  
' Jennifer.carlson@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:Jennifer.carlson@doe.k12.de.us>>';  
' michelle.whalen@doe.k12.de.us<<mailto:michelle.whalen@doe.k12.de.us>>'  
> Subject: [REDACTED]

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> Ms. Allen,

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> Per our conversation on August 26, 2014, I have concerns about Reach Academy for Girls. One of the concerns are that both of my daughters, [REDACTED], were very upset last night from their first day of school. Both of the girls told me they had issues on the playground...[REDACTED] said she was pushed and fell and hit her front tooth which is very loose now and that the girl said deal with it. [REDACTED] who has medical issues [REDACTED] said that one of the girls punched her in the belly, in addition to someone telling her that she has funny feet and they don't like her hair. With [REDACTED] being newly adopted she has a tendency to be more sensitive but when [REDACTED] was upset as well, I became very concerned. Especially since [REDACTED] is usually my take charge outgoing and willing to do anything kind of kid, who can get along with anyone and she was having problems as well! Both girls felt very uncomfortable in a non-diverse setting which I was given the impression that the school was diverse which is one of the reasons I signed them up to your school. As I was trying to get them ready for school this morning they became very upset and hysterically crying so I didn't allow them to go to school. I decided to figure out what was going on so I took time off this morning from work to discuss their sudden behavior problems.

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> I spoke to Ms. Carmen Word as well as Mrs. Maureen Thomas from the business office and they were very understanding and asked that I talk to you and maybe try to give the school a chance but as a mom dealing with two hysterical girls I was trying to figure out what to do...Ms. Carmen went to you with my concerns and you asked if I wanted to wait or talk later so I said I would wait. Then you said that Ms. Carmen has a job to do so please go wait in the office. Since it was only 8:15AM I decided that I would go talk to both of the girls teachers and they both gave me a different outlook on how the day went in their view. Both teachers were standing at their doors and you came to me and said that "I asked you if you wanted to wait in the office. The teachers have a job to do and need to be at their doors for when the kids start arriving". You didn't allow me to finish talking to the teachers and pretty much made me feel unwelcome and it felt like you were walking me out the door.

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> Instead of giving me an opportunity to discuss this further what I received from you was a hostile

attitude and very critical. I am a professional person and know when someone is dismissing me and showing an undeserved attitude to a concern parent. I didn't like the way you talked to me in front of the staff. As a parent, I do have rights and expect to be treated fair. I don't appreciate the lack of care or concern that you showed me and your professionalism was lacking.

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> I came to the school this morning to let you know that both of my girls were extremely upset and that they do not want to come back to school because they do not feel comfortable. I didn't have the opportunity to have a full conversation with you because you dismissed me and I felt as though you pretty much walked me out of the school this morning telling me that I don't have a choice and that I signed a contract committing to have my girls go to Reach for a full year and that their feeder school can get in trouble if they have the girls on the roster. When I said I just don't know what to do instead of offering solutions you said that the girls need to go to school here for the year and there are no other options and that giving me a release was out of your hands and that I would need to go to the district office otherwise the girls need to come to school. My response was more of a reaction at the way you were talking to me which was to put them in private school that I can't afford but this entire experience of signing them up for this school may end up being a very expensive mistake on my part and you said I guess it will be.

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> I am requesting a release of records for both [REDACTED]. I am hoping that you will understand that my concern is for my girls and I want to make their [REDACTED] grade experience a pleasant one and I can't see that happening in an environment where they are scared (bullied) and uncomfortable.

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> Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

Reach Academy

2/11/2014 Complaint  
w/Teacher Ms.  
Word

Parent called with  
complaint against  
Ms. Word (teacher).  
She tried to contact  
Administration to  
disucss her  
daughter's grades  
and the curriculum  
that is not being  
taught properly in  
class for her  
daughter to receive  
an unacceptable  
grade.



2/11/2014

2/11/2014 Not sure. Ms. Allen  
emailed me that she  
will contact the  
parent.