



Dear Raj Manhas:

I am currently a student at John Marshall High School and an active member of the Graduation Reality And Dual role Skills (GRADS) program. If you are unfamiliar with the GRADS program it was established to help teenaged mothers locate resources and educational material pertaining to early parenting.

Currently the teacher for the GRADS program, [REDACTED] has failed to teach me anything. Not only is her teaching material inadequate when she is present, but she has also had a continuing problem with her attendance. During the last 8 weeks we've had a different substitute everyday and on 6 separate occasions were left with no teacher at all. The lack of consistency has left the girls unmotivated to even come to school. It shows a great deal of effort for girls who are pregnant and parenting to get up every morning and come to school. It would be greatly appreciated if their efforts would be rewarded with an education.

I've written over 15 complaints that were given to Dr. Joseph Drake and have even written to Mr. Ammon McWashington. So far nothing has been done and it saddens me deeply to see such a fine program go to waste.

This situation has left me feeling personally discriminated against just because I am a teen mother. I know that if this was going on at any other school it would not be put up with. I would appreciate if more efficient steps would be taken in ensuring me my education in the GRADS program due to substandard teaching, not only for my benefit, but also for the bettering of Seattle Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Katherine Graves
Student

CC: Dr. Joseph Drake

CC: Mr. Ammon McWashington