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Letter being submitted to the Spring I.S.D. School Board

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J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org> To: JBINKLEY@springisd.org Wed, Sep 4, 2024 at 2:21 PM

I am submitting to you out of respect for the District and hard working staff members of Spring I.S.D., I wish it were under better circumstances.

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04SEP24

School Board Members

Spring I.S.D. 16717 Ella Blvd. Houston, Texas 77090

Dear Members of the Spring I. S. D. School Board,

I am writing to bring to your immediate attention a serious and ongoing issue at Wells Middle School involving the safety and well-being of my child, as well as the safety of other students. On 03SEP24, my child, Ky'vek Reynolds, was involved in a violent incident where another student, identified as Jayden, allegedly stabbed my child with a pencil during class. This event has caused significant distress to my child and our family, and it has raised substantial concerns about the safety protocols in place at the school.

Despite promptly reporting this incident to school administration, the response from the assistant principal has been grossly inadequate. I was informed during a recent conversation with Assistant Principal Osita Ezeielo that no investigation had been conducted into the matter because the student's name was allegedly not found on the roster. It was only after I provided the correct initial of the student's last name during a recorded conversation that the assistant principal was able to locate the student.

The fact that such a significant delay occurred due to an apparent oversight is deeply troubling. Even more concerning is that the student who allegedly committed this violent act remains in class, potentially posing a continued threat to other students. Meanwhile, my child has been kept at home, unable to return to school due to unresolved concerns about safety.

This situation is unacceptable. The school's failure to conduct a timely and thorough investigation not only compromises the safety of my child but also places other students at risk. The lack of action and communication from the school's administration has exacerbated the trauma experienced by my child and has left our family feeling abandoned by the very institution that is supposed to ensure our children's safety.

I urge the school board to take immediate action to address this issue. Specifically, I request the following:

- 1. **A formal investigation** into the incident, with a clear timeline for completion and a detailed report of the findings.
- 2. **A comprehensive review** of the school's safety protocols, particularly regarding how incidents of violence are handled and how students are protected from repeat offenders.
- 3. **Disciplinary action** against the assistant principal and any other staff involved in the mishandling of this incident.
- 4. **Assurances** that appropriate measures will be taken to protect my child and other students from further harm.
- 5. **A formal apology** from the school administration for the inadequate response to this serious situation.

My child's safety and well-being, as well as the safety of all students at Wells Middle School, must be the highest priority. I hope the school board will recognize the gravity of this situation and take swift, decisive action to ensure that such an incident does not happen again.

I look forward to your prompt response and to working together to resolve this matter. Please contact me at 281-721-0273 or j.morris@arktikinitiative.org to discuss the next steps.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

J Michael F. Morris

JEREMY BINKLEY <jbinkley@springisd.org>

To: j.morris@arktikinitiative.org, NIRMOL LIM <nlim@springisd.org>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 6:16 PM

Mr. Morris, good evening. Ms. Lim, our Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools has attempted to reach out to you via telephone to discuss your concerns. I am including her on this email in the hopes of facilitating that communication.

Best regards,

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Jeremy Binkley

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J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org>
To: JEREMY BINKLEY <jbinkley@springisd.org>

Thu, Sep 5, 2024 at 7:47 PM

Attn.. Brinkley,

Thank you for your email and reply, I did not receive an alert or message from my receptionist regarding a call. I am happy to reach out to her at her earliest convenience. My mobile number is 713-282-6989 and I can be reach at my office using 281-721-0273.

Thank you, J Michael Morris [Quoted text hidden]

J Michael Morris < j.morris@arktikinitiative.org>
To: JEREMY BINKLEY < jbinkley@springisd.org>

Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM

Dear Mr. Binkley,

I am writing to follow up on my previous email sent 15 hours ago regarding the urgent safety issue involving my child at Wells Middle School. Despite providing my contact information and expressing my willingness to speak with Ms. Lim, I have yet to receive any communication from her or the school.

My child remains at home, and the situation remains unresolved, with no apparent action taken to address the safety concerns or reintegrate my child into a safe school environment. This delay is unacceptable and continues to place additional students at risk.

Please advise on the immediate steps that will be taken to address this issue and ensure that proper measures are implemented without further delay. I request an expedited response to arrange a discussion with Ms. Lim or another relevant official as soon as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I look forward to your immediate response.

Best regards,

J Morris

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JEREMY BINKLEY <jbinkley@springisd.org>

Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 11:43 AM

To: J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org>, NIRMOL LIM <nlim@springisd.org>

Mr. Morris, Ms. Lim made two attempts to contact you at the number provided in your email. However, she did not realize this was your office number and the attempted calls were in the evening after hours. She and I realized this yesterday evening when I received your response. However, it was almost 8pm when you provided that information and unfortunately Ms. Lim was required to be in another meeting at that time, which did not conclude until late in the evening.

I have copied Ms. Lim on this response, as I did previously. However, I see that when you replied last night you removed her from the reply. Fortunately, I was monitoring my email closely and was able to forward the message to Ms. Lim. I anticipate she will attempt to reach out to you again today and sincerely hope y'all are able to connect and resolve these concerns.

Best regards,

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NIRMOL LIM <nlim@springisd.org>

Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 12:19 PM

To: JEREMY BINKLEY <jbinkley@springisd.org>
Cc: J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org>

Good afternoon Mr. Morris,

I apologize, I did not realize that the number given was an office number. I called on Wednesday at 7:17 p.m., on Thursday, and today as well. I was unable to reach you on your office phone however I left a message on your cell phone with my callback number. I will not be available today from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. but I will reach back out after that timeframe if you are available.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lim (832)942-8407 [Quoted text hidden]

J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org> To: NIRMOL LIM <nlim@springisd.org> Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 1:40 PM

Dear Ms. Lim,

Thank you for your prompt response and for informing me of the adjustments made to the child's schedule to prevent further contact with my son. While I appreciate the apology regarding the Assistant Principal's handling of the situation, the current measures remain insufficient given the severity of the incident.

To reiterate, the incident involved my son being repeatedly stabbed with a pencil, causing skin breakage and drawing blood. This act of violence is deeply troubling and necessitates immediate and comprehensive action. Here are my primary concerns and requests:

- Immediate Contact from District PD: I request that the Spring ISD Police Department contact me directly as soon as possible to discuss the possibility of pressing charges and to provide any necessary assistance in this matter.
- 2. **Comprehensive Support and Safety Plan:** I need a detailed plan outlining the steps the district will take to ensure my child's safety and well-being. This plan should include access to counseling services and other resources to support my child's recovery from this traumatic event.
- 3. **Ongoing Communication and Accountability:** I request regular updates on the status of the incident's resolution and assurance that all necessary safety measures are being implemented effectively. Given the severity of the situation, continuous and transparent communication is essential.

The gravity of this incident requires urgent and thorough attention. I am available for further discussion and to provide any additional information necessary to ensure a swift and effective resolution.

Thank you for addressing these critical concerns. I look forward to your prompt response and action.

Best regards,

J Michael F. Morris
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NIRMOL LIM <nlim@springisd.org>
Cc: J Michael Morris <j.morris@arktikinitiative.org>

Fri, Sep 6, 2024 at 1:41 PM

Good afternoon, Mr. Morris,

Thank you for our recent conversation. I want to reassure you that we are committed to addressing all safety concerns with the utmost seriousness. Disciplinary actions have been taken; however, due to privacy protocols, we cannot disclose specific details.

I have shared your cell number with Officer Barner, who will contact you to discuss the process for filing any necessary charges. Additionally, I have addressed the issues related to due diligence and customer service on campus. While we have been separating students to prevent them from being in the same classes, I understand that you found this measure insufficient. You mentioned needing additional time to develop a resolution, and I am open to any further suggestions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at (832) 942-8407. If I am unavailable, kindly leave a voicemail or send a text message.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lim

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