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William Husfelt
Principal
A. Crawford Mosely High School
501 Mosely Drive
Lynn Haven, FL 32444

Dear Principal Husfelt:

I am a former student of the Bay County school district. After attending grades four through twelve in the Bay area, I went on to pursue a degree in Psychology at the University of Florida, and I am now studying School Psychology at Florida State University. I have taken a special interest in the policies that guide Florida's public schools; studying in the state's capital affords me the unique opportunity to play an active role in influencing Florida's education policies.

Florida's decision to retain students based on FCAT scores has certainly stirred some controversy, and I find myself concerned with this practice. I would like other concerned teachers and administrators to voice their opinion of the FCAT, and to share their personal experiences with their legislators. I would greatly appreciate if willing individuals would write one or two pages on their views of the FCAT in general, and on using the FCAT for retention purposes. I am seeking honest, informal, personal views, so *both positive and negative feedback are welcome*. These opinions can remain anonymous, although I would like some indication of the grade and subject taught if the response is from a teacher, or a vague title if the response is from an administrator. Additionally, I would like some feedback from the students themselves, if possible. Responses can be mailed to the address listed below.

Please share this with teachers and administrators at your school if you wish to participate. Either way, I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this letter, as I understand you must have a very busy schedule. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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