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To Whom It May Concern:

The way I let my grades slip was unacceptable. This is the first time that I have let my grades fall. I have always tried to keep my academics a priority, however, there were a lot of new things that entered my life last year. My mom and dad got a divorce a couple years ago, and when I decided to stay with my dad, I wasn't expecting any big changes, especially so soon. The biggest thing for me was my dad getting married and moving in with this new family. Moving in with a new family was harder than I expected, and frankly, I wasn't ready for it. I was often arguing and getting yelled at.

After we moved in, I didn't feel accepted into the family and I felt mine and my dad's relationship fading away. On many occasions, I was told by my step siblings that I wasn't wanted in the house, and it seemed that my step-mom felt the same way. I felt like I had no support in the house and I was starting to get depressed. Instead of trying to get help, I let it get in the way of the things I knew were important.

Since the end of the school year, I have started doing things to help me get back on track. I have moved in with my mom and sister, which gives me a new support team. I know that I can ask them for help when I need it. Also, moving to a new school will help me because I will be with my older brother and he can help me stay on track for sports. He knows how important sports are in both of our lives, and wants me to succeed just as much I do. I also realize that I need to make up the credits that I lost last year. I want to talk to my class advisor and see what I need to do.

With my new support system and new focus, I know that I will keep my grades up and be successful.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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