

My name is Maria Elida Martinez and I'm Julieta Ulaje's mother. Our family has gone through a lot of difficult times and my husband and I understand that it has affected our children. I would like to say that we've fixed everything but that is not the reality. Sadly, we still have family problems but we are united. We now try to address our problems and be there for our kids mentally and physically. Julieta has attended Reynolds High School for the last 3 years and is now in her 4th year. She went through some difficult times her first and second year of high school. While my husband and I worked, she would take care of her siblings after school and during the summer. That is why she was not able to take credit recovery classes during that time. This last summer I did not work so she would be able to recover some of her credits. Her third year at Reynolds High School is when she learned a lot. I noticed this in her grades. She spoke to me about wanting to be on the school dance team. I thought it would be something good and important for her and it's something that my husband and I completely support.

Sincerely, Elida Martinez

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