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Mr. Bolin,

I understand that we are trying to find reasoning for Tristan's failing grades. This is definitely an issue on the whole family. I want to start with a little insight about what has been happening in Tristan's life the last two years and hopefully this will shine a little bit of light on the issues. I also want to make sure that you understand we do not feel that there is any good excuse for not getting work done and handed in on time.

Within the last couple of years our family has gone through several life altering changes and obviously certain things with Tristan have fallen through the cracks because of these changes. Tristan is the third and last child and he has from the first day of school had a mom who was able to work from home. His older brother and sister have recently moved out and on to college, one out of state. I have gone back to work outside of the house and his dad also works outside of the house.

After starting back to work I had to go to Stanford Hospital to have brain surgery because I have been battling with Trigeminal Neurogia for several years. After 4 months of relief it came back and I had to go back to have the nerves burned in my face to alleviate the pain. I now battle with constant migraines and I am scheduled back at Stanford later this month.

I am not looking for sympathy I just want to explain that Tristan has always had me at home every day and involved in everything he does. Since the last surgery a lot of my life has been going to work and coming home with a migraine. I have defiantly not been up on what needs to be done to oversee he is getting all of the help he needs not to fail.

We also have rental homes that we are in the process of renovating and did not realize how time consuming this would be for his dad. So Tristan has gone from having a full house of support to getting himself up and out the door in the

morning because we both work early and coming home to bare minimum support.

We did not realize the effect this has had on his achievements and are working together as a family to make sure we all step up to help him succeed. We do realize that Tristan needs to own up to this as well and we have been helping him daily to make sure he is do what he needs to do to catch up.

I have emailed his English and Math teachers to see what needs to be done. I have heard back from his English teacher and he has been making up work and tests. I have not heard from his Math teacher but according to Tristan all of the work that is showing missing has been turned in. I'm not sure how the grading works so I'm not sure if this is even enough to give him a passing grade but until I hear from the teacher or synergy is updated I can't tell.

Thank you for your time and help with this, if you have any more advise for us we are absolutely open to any help we can get.

Thank you,

Robert, Shelly and Tristan Montgomery