

October 15, 2005

Mr. Shama
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John F. Kennedy High School

Re: PA Announcements for Ms. Williams to report to room 676 during 8 th period.

(This letter was written by hand on October 15. I later typed it for the record. It was sent certified mail on November 4, 2005.)

I have noticed over the past week and a half that my name keeps being called over the loud speakers. It will say "Ms. Williams, please report to room 676". Several teachers have come to me stating that they have heard these pages during the beginning of 8 th period. (I cannot hear these loud speaker messages from inside room 676; perhaps the speaker is broken, or has been set to deliver messages only one way). Mr. Alan Newman, the hall dean, has come into my room several times. He stated that 'they keep paging me saying that the teacher is not here. I keep telling them that the teacher is in the room". He has called from his walkie talkie within the room once confirming that I am present and actively teaching the class.

Given these maneuvers; I would guess that this is your 'plan B'. The loudspeaker messages are an attempt to create a distorted sense among the staff and students that Ms. Williams in somehow unreliable and that she does not show up to class on time. This implication is of course, untrue. The tactic however, reminds me of previous attempts by Mr. Rotunno's administration to discredit me. Two years ago, the previous A.P. of Science, Ms. Raquel Ortiz; had actually taken students who were waiting for me outside of my classroom before my 2nd period class was to begin and brought them to her office. I arrived shortly before class and became suspicious, so I went looking for them. I saw Ms. Ortiz on her way down the hallway walking with a group of my boys. I said to her: "What did you do with my students? She replied "well, since you were late, I brought them to the office. I told her, in front of the kids: "You stole my class. Why are you doing this?" I then let the students into the room.. Ms. Ortiz stood in the doorway for a while and then left. I suppose that she was a bit dejected for having failed in her reconnaissance mission on behalf of Mr. Rotunno. As you have been chosen to be her replacement, I expect that your methods for setting a trap for teachers will be similar. I have a message for you and for Mr. Rotunno: Cease and desist from all of your attempts at character assassination. Your obvious attempts to annoy and intimidate me will be met with legal action.

Sincerely,

Ms. Natalie Williams