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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a mother with two children in the public school system. I also have a 30 year old son that's been out of school for a long time. I have been through so much with my older son and have seen first hand what happens when you intermingle older children with the younger ones. As a parent you do everything in your power to protect your children from being subjected to things that aren't age appropriate for them. The things some high school kids are doing should not be around our younger children. They are sponges and soak up everything they see and are molded so easily by those things. Why would anyone purposely put our young kids in those positions? I am already having conversations with my 8 and 11 year olds that I don't feel like I should be having yet. We have a 7 year old girl in our neighborhood that was caught vaping and was told things about sex that she thought appropriate to share with the young neighborhood kids. She got her contraband and inappropriate information from a high schooler on the school bus! How much more do you think they will learn and be around sharing a campus? This is not what's best for our children and it is not what any of my family members want. There are many, many voices that believe the same. I pray you will hear us and do the right thing.

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