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Hampton School District – SAU 90
Attn: Kathleen Murphy
7 Scott Road
Hampton, NH 03842

Dear Superintendent Murphy,

To follow up with our meeting held Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at your SAU 90 offices regarding the most recent racially motivated bullying that has affected our daughter, Kora, we welcome the accommodation that was made to move our daughter to a different classroom to be out of contact with the pupil in question.

During our conversation, we explained that Kora has not had a "good experience" with the schools of SAU 90. While the majority of our discussion was regarding the most recent events, we also brought up the incident that happened this past summer at Hampton Centre School in which John was involved. We also alluded to the events that happened to Kora in the academic year of 2016/2017, during her first-grade year at Centre School.

We are not sure that you were aware, but Kora faced almost identical issues with a different student during her first-grade year. When brought to the administration's attention we were asked the question, "How do you know your daughter is telling the truth?" During the remainder of that year, Kora was kept in the classroom with her transgressor. The outcome from remaining in the room was extremely negative, and was exasperated when a teacher moved Kora's place in an integrated arts classroom, in front of other children, upon the request of this other pupil.

Kora entered the Hampton School District as a brave and happy child. Beyond her exterior persona, she has become extremely scared of exploring new things, untrusting of teachers or counselors, and at night buries her head into her hands and cries "why don't they believe me that she is being mean" or "nobody likes me." It is time we make a serious effort to protect our daughter.

Due to these most recent events and those that caused her grief and pain during her first-grade year, we, Julie and John Cochrane, are formally complaining that SAU 90 has not properly protected our daughter, Kora Cochrane's Civil or Academic Rights. A complaint has been filed with the New Hampshire NAACP.

As a family it pains us to take these actions, but the recurring and negative effects on our daughter must be addressed. Hopefully after this filing no detrimental actions will be taken against Kora in the classroom or within the schools.

Respectfully,

John & Julie Cochrane

CC: Rogers Johnson, NH NAACP
Frank Edelblut, Commissioner of Education
Matt Mayberry, Human Rights Commission