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To whom it may concern,

Coral Academy Eastgate recently informed parents that they had plans to get rid of middle school grades from the campus, meaning our kids would either need to transfer to Cadence or Windmill for 7th grade next year. My daughter has been at the Eastgate Campus since it opened. We applied to multiple campuses but were waitlisted. I chose Eastgate for her as it would mean that she would only have to attend 2 different campuses. The message from the Eastgate campus stated that the Cadence campus was ONLY an additional 3 miles, I currently live off of Windmill and the commute would be about 5 minutes to the Windmill Campus. Is the administration not aware of CURRENT GAS PRICES. An additional 6 miles a day 5 days a week adds up, and after completing one year at Cadence we would then have to transfer to the Sandy Ridge Campus for grades 8 through 12.

There has been an almost cult-like push for students to attend the new Campus, which quite frankly is an unorganized mess. It's also not fair on the families currently enrolled at the Tamarus Campus as their kids feed into the Windmill Campus. Administration has stated that slot availability will be on a first come first serve basis via a google form that is to be filled and sent in at a set time and date in October. I sincerely implore to not let this go through as it has not given parents ample time to plan for the following school year.

Let the children that started with Eastgate finish 7th grade next year and give parents ample time to sort out transportation.

Another issue at the Eastgate Campus is with a teacher named Mr. Shannon. He is currently my daughters 6th grade science and history teacher. The issues are as follows:

1. Mr. Shannon does not teach the material and instead gives them packet of busy work to do. The packets will say to answer the questions according to the video, but they are never shown a video. At the back to school night event, Mr. Shannon stated that parents should log into Infinite Campus as he updates the grades at least twice a week. As of today there are a dozen assignments that have not been graded and my child is averaging an F. We are 2 months into the school year and this type of education is not what we signed up for with Coral Academy. I've e-mailed him regarding this issue but have yet to hear back from him.

2. Mr. Shannon allows racist rhetoric to fly in his classroom by students:

----My daughter told Mr. Shannon that a student by the name of Yusef called her a dog eater and a ching a ling ling. When she brought this to Mr. Shannon's attention his response was "Bad things like this will happen in life", and then did not reprimand the student for his racial remarks. The same boy called another few students border hoppers because of their Mexican/Asian ethnicities. Yesterday my daughter reported that another student was calling the black characters from the book they were reading "cotton pickers". There is a pattern of

this type of brush off from Mr. Shannon when it comes to the children of color, and at Coral Academy Eastgate, students of color appear to make up the majority of the student body.

I do not want my children to think they can say hurtful things to someone and not be held accountable or learning that school is not a safe space from racism/bullying, as this is the behavior that Mr. Shannon has been emphasizing. I send my child to Coral Academy because of their strong educational curriculum. This teacher is the antithesis to what I as a parent consider a satisfactory educator shaping the minds of children.

Respectfully Submitted,
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6th grade parent.