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Mr. Lupco Steriev
P. O. Box 30312
Chicago, Illinois 60630

Dear Mr. Steriev:

Thank you for your letter received July 16, 2009, to the Governor's Office concerning your student records and grade changes. Your letter has been forwarded to me for a response.

We understand your frustration and concern regarding your student records. The Chicago Public Schools Office has a student records department. You can contact them at 773-553-2340 and ask to speak to the Registrar or individual in charge of the Chicago Public Schools student records.

In addition, you indicated you were concerned about Taft High School not wanting to change a grade on your transcript. Section 5/10-20.9a of the School Code states, "Teachers shall administer the approved marking system or other approved means of evaluating student progress. The teacher shall maintain the responsibility and right to determine grades and other evaluations of students within the grading policies of the district based on his or her professional judgment of available criteria pertinent to any given subject area or activity for which he or she is responsible. District policy shall provide the procedure and reasons by and for which a grade may be changed; provided that no grade or evaluation shall be changed without notification to the teacher concerning the nature and reasons such change. If such a change is made, the person making the change shall assume the responsibility for determining the grade or evaluation, and shall initial such change." Based upon this state statute, you need to discuss any grade change with the local school district.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us. If you have further questions, you can contact Lynne Robinson in the Educator and School Development Division at 217-782-2948.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Murphy".

Patrick Murphy
Division Administrator
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