\*\*SAMPLE PARENT LETTER\*\*

This letter can be used as a template for drafting a letter to fellow parents regarding your school’s DEI plan or other issue of concern.

Feel free to edit it according to the unique situation and needs at your school.

Dear Parents,

First off, an apology for using an impersonal medium like this to reach out about something fairly private in nature. Given the distancing circumstances that COVID brought and the fact that we are new to the school community this year, we haven’t gotten to know any of you very well. We wish we could have had this conversation casually and individually.

Our family is having an experience in school this year that feels concerning in a way we thought necessary to share. Our daughter has been in situations in school during DEI workshops that have left her distraught, offended, judged, and confused. She has been feeling silenced in class — her questions are not being addressed sufficiently or encouraged and she feels compelled to conform to and accept blindly the viewpoint being presented. She doesn’t feel heard or respected. She has grown increasingly indignant — a trait we have never seen from her and very out of character.

We have been in conversation with school administrators and requested to see the materials being shown to students to get a sense for ourselves. We were told that none of the other parents have requested this information or any clarification about the school’s DEI curriculum. After viewing the materials, we have some serious concerns about whether important societal issues are being taught meticulously and with the respect they deserve. We are wondering if any of you have seen these materials and/or if your kids have had any experiences this year similar to ours. Your perspectives would be incredibly helpful to us.

Can’t express how much we appreciate your time. Looking forward to hearing from you.

​Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Contact Information]