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Dear Dr Elleman,

On behalf of teachers across the school, I am writing to you to ask for your consideration on a substantial increase to our salaries. Whilst teachers earn just enough to scrape by, I cannot help but feel that the invaluable job we do in educating the uneducated (whilst putting up with their insufferable babbling) deserves considerably more than we currently receive. I feel that it is immensely unfair that we educate these young people and then they go on to earn more than us as a result of the knowledge we have given them. Where is the justice in this?

Firstly, the job of teaching is not what it once was and being in the classroom with thirty unruly children poses a significant threat to our wellbeing. Not only do we risk mental illness after listening to their pathetic drivel all day, but also the children are becoming increasingly violent. In fact, just the other day I had to dive out of the way of a paper aeroplane that was heading right for my left eye! Surely, you would agree that the risk of working in this highly dangerous environment deserves to be compensated with a larger salary?

Secondly, the peer pressure in education is immense and there is a lot of competition between staff to look the coolest in front of the children. Moreover, 75% of teachers have reported that they have been the victims of bullying (mostly from their students) and this is something that has to change. The only way around this is to allow staff the opportunity to purchase items that will give them more credibility amongst young people. Unfortunately, on my current measly salary I can only afford a basic Ferrari 458 Italia - it does not even have a soft top! Can you imagine the embarrassment I face when I have to transport the children to extracurricular events? If I could afford a convertible then I would be able to face the children without fear and may even earn their respect and adulation - all of which would result in them listening to me more and thus improving learning.

Lastly, many people compare the role of a teacher to that of an artist: we have to work with raw materials to produce something spectacular. However, our raw

materials are lazy, simple-minded and snot-ridden! Teaching these children to read and write is near impossible. In fact, what we do is nothing short of a miracle! Despite this, we still manage to do it year-after-year. You have to agree that such a remarkable feat should be recognised with equally remarkable rewards? If we do not receive the recognition that we deserve then millions of teachers may quit their posts and seek other forms of employment.

I came to this school because I wanted to make a difference. I know that you share my vision and I hope that you understand that it is impossible on our current rates of pay. It is in your hands to improve the current situation for your staff and I am sure that you will not allow this diabolical state of affairs to continue. Please consider our appeal and show us that we made the right choice in putting our faith in you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Milne