

What is going on at Mount Everett and Under Mountain?

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Subject: Kurt DeGrenier

Dear Mr. Devoti,

I am concerned as are my children, they are confused and unhappy going into their 11th and 9th grade year at Mount Everett. This is the first time since we moved here (2014) that my kids came home from their first day of school disappointed. While I'm uncertain about all the changes taking place at the school, I do know one of the biggest worries is Kurt's position at Mount Everett.

Kurt is our children's advocate and we all need him.

Kurt has been the best as far as communication and fairness with teachers & students, teachers & parents and students & parents, both for education and sports. Kurt is first in line to have these very hard conversations, he opens the line of communication and works hard to end the situation with a learning experience and a positive outcome for all involved.

Kurt helps the students understand the importance of school, he teaches them how to be responsible and accountable. He works with students so that they are organized and he rally's for them to want to do better and to be better, to not only aim to achieve school goals but personal goals as well. In today's society this is an area where children struggle the most!

Beyond this, Kurt motivates the unmotivated. There are far more kids out there that go down the wrong path and don't want to participate in school. These kids struggle and can't grasp the importance of education. Kurt believes in these kids, he supports them by getting them to school, helps develop an educational plan and tracks their performance. He builds a path for kids that are lost, he teaches them to be confident and to do their best. Kurt goes the extra mile, this is hard to find in today's school. There is not one faculty member that I am aware of who puts in the amount of time and commitment Kurt puts in. Kurt sacrifice's so much for our kids, he was one of the key individuals that helped build the culture that our school is known for and that our children believe in.

Mount Everett seems very unorganized going into 2018 with so many changes taking place and teachers leaving. The students know that they can always count on Kurt, they know he is loyal and committed to Mount Everett. So my question is: Where is he? Why take away from the students and athletes at Mount Everett? The air is very heavy at our school right now, this is coming from students, parents and faculty. This is a huge concern as our children are focusing on this and not on enjoying their first day of school.

Furthermore, Kurt is part of our school community. The students, parents and faculty who put their time in, deserve an explanation. Kurt has been a mentor for Mount Everett students for over a decade, we are all waiting for him to return or some very good reasons why he isn't.

Lastly, these changes are forcing parents to spend time looking into this, to analyze the changes that have transpired since the new administration has taken over; ultimately forcing us to review options for our children. We have the option of school choice and we will do what's best for our children. In these uncertain times, we are questioning what is going on there and what is the cause for all this negative air...

Looking forward to a response.

Best,

Jessie Laine