

#26 - Declaration of Teenage Independence

When in the course of juvenile events, it becomes important for young adults to break apart from being babied from our parents, and other adults that have been doing this for years now, we young adults have the same given and natural rights. Therefore we must acknowledge the reasons that necessitate us to gain our freedom.

We hold all these rights and truths to be accessible, everyone is born with undoubting rights including life, liberty, privacy and the pursuit of fairness. We all should be treated fairly, yet they treat everyone based off of one person's decisions or actions. If 20% of us teenagers do something wrong we all pay for it. We feel like they take over and control us, We teenagers want the choice of off campus lunch, to actually have feminine products in the girls bathroom, during study hall we want to be able to go home if and only if we are green level, we want cleaner bathrooms most importantly we want to be heard we want the teachers to take our advice into consideration, we want to stop getting pushed aside by adults. When are the teachers, adults and our parents going to stop controlling us and treating us like we are two years old? In five years? Two years? Now?

The grown adults that are supposed to be people we look up to are over controlling and they don't even realize it they think they are just being "adults" yet to us we see it as they invade our privacy without permission. At school when we ask to go to the bathroom and the teacher says why do you have to go, what goes through my head is why do I need to tell you why I need to go, they should just assume if i'm asking I have to go. Another example is adults eavesdrop on conversations.

They look down on us like we do everything wrong. When you are cleaning your room and your parents come in and yell at you because you apparently didn't do the dishes, but you just did them five minutes ago so then you go to check and

there's only one dish in the sink. All parents ever see are the things they want and will twist the story until they win.

When girls get that time of the month unexpected they don't supply us with the necessities we need in the bathroom leaving us embarrassed, Do the janitors even care if they supply us with the things us girls need? Are they just being lazy? Out of the entire school the machines in the girl bathroom get filled once a year.

They give us too much homework so we end up having no social life out of school. I would like a life out of school where I can talk and hangout after school with friends and family I don't see during the day.

They have the nerve to serve us crap food when we slave our butts working so hard during the day. The food they serve to us have other random stuff in it. A boy found a bone in his chicken and another person was served expired milk that was chunky and tasted like cheese. The lunch ladies serve the students old and expired food. In what country is that right? If you are thinking that's not right, who would do that then you are right, I have no clue what kind of school would do that.

At school they just dismiss our thoughts and ideas, they don't care what we want and what we think they just do things their way. They do the things that make them happy, when they feel like we are ready to move on we do because they base it off of a few people that got a 100 % on a test or worksheet, giving the people who have no clue what to do less time to figure things out leading us to fail or not even attempt to do it anymore. Our voices can't and won't be heard from anyone older than us especially the adults in our life.

They have taken away all of our emotion and limited us with few emotions we can have. How come they get to choose what emotion we have? If we come to class with a mad face and sit there minding our own business we get in trouble or if we walk around with our head down we get yelled at for looking at the ground instead of being social and talking, or making us go down and do the activities for homecoming, I am a shy person with a great amount of fear and anxiety so going down there makes me feel scared and they want me to be happy and excited to go

down, forcing me to and having all my classmates yell and call me names. Is that fair? I think not.

The dress code needs to change the principal limits the girls dress code yet some girls can get away with it. How is that fair? Girls can wear jeans, Shirts that cover your shoulders, cause showing your shoulders is too revealing according to the principal, and you can only wear leggings with a long shirt that covers your butt. I feel like all these rules are ridiculous because the boys dont get any clothing rules so in my opinion and the rest of the girls in high school think the school is biased.

They took away the open campus that we should have the right to have during lunch. Again they take things away just because a few people did wrong things. We would like to go home during 8th hour, it is just a study hall and we could do all the things we do in that time at home. Of course the ones who are green level would only get that right but at least give us the option.

In all of these wrongful acts, we the class of 2020 have called out for aggressive actions without hostility, we ask of the teachers and adults to carry out our points and with the approval of everyone declare that we have the right to reach these goals and put what we have to say in place. We will have all the rules the adults do. We are now not different from them but original and happy like them. As of now we will have new rules and responsibilities that we would be willing to do anything even buy you a cookie to secure these rules. We want to be leaders and change the world. And with the support of this declaration we pledge to our lives and to each other.