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Student #1
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Dear Student #1:

Your recent decision to post a video on TikTok depicting the Nazi Auschwitz concentration camp during World War 2 as a playful excursion has crossed several lines of decorum. First, it conveys a sense of insensitivity to a reality that took the lives of more than 6 million Jews. Second, it is an affront to civil liberty to take the very symbol of one nation's deadly inhumanity to a group of people based on racial & religious lines and turn it into a comedy. Third, it is an affront to our school and community to portray that one could be educated here, and then, choose to demonstrate such a callous disregard for the plight of others.

Over the years, students in other settings have been suspended, expelled, or publicly held to account in the media for similar choices. Behavior has consequences and here is what is yours.

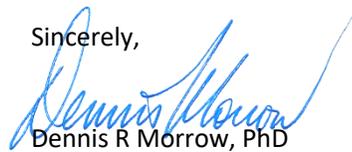
On or before 15 May 2020, you will complete and turn in to me a research paper entitled **"Hitler's Final Solution at Auschwitz"**. This paper will be a minimum of 10 pages in length, double spaced, using Times Roman font no larger than 11 points, and with margins no wider than one inch. This paper will be read and fact-checked by me using my background as an Advanced Placement European History teacher. I will also be using anti-plagiarism software to ensure that the words are yours. Any quotations must be in *italic font*, properly attributed, and may be a maximum of three lines in length. A maximum of two such quotations are allowed on each page. In addition, you may insert up to three photographs in the body of your text (maximum size 2x3 inches) with text wrapped closely to the photos.

This paper must be submitted in addition to your regularly assigned academic work. I am requiring this research to be completed before any other academic credit for Social Studies may be credited to your transcript. To be clear, this is now a required assignment to be completed within the next month. If you had time to create the video, you have time to write this paper.

Finally, I cannot state more clearly what an embarrassment this is for me. I heard first of your video from a university student in Indiana who was viewing TikTok during this time of shelter-in-place. She took the time to look up the name of the School Superintendent on-line and posted an email to me immediately. To have my name now associated with your behavior is embarrassing for me both personally and professionally. I expect an apology from you.

Life is full of teachable moments. I trust this will be one for you...

Sincerely,



Dennis R Morrow, PhD
Superintendent