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Dear Ms. Molloy:

My name is Ms. Green. I am an English teacher at Martin Middle School. I noticed that you will be teaching English to a former student of mine, John Smith, and I thought you might appreciate some additional information about him.

The first day John walked into my classroom, I could tell he was not a morning person. He dragged his feet and could barely mumble a hello when I greeted him at the door. As I introduced myself to the class, I noticed his head drop to the desk. Obviously, I was not pleased with this behavior and I held him after class. I gave him the usual speech about looking alert and making good first impressions. He seemed sheepish but polite. The next morning was much of the same, however. Again, I detained him after class. Luckily, John was candid and cooperative with me on this day. He explained that he was working at a local fast food restaurant and they had assigned him some pretty late hours. I suggested that he speak with his manager and see what could be done about changing his shift.

Once John got his work schedule sorted out, he became one of my favorite students. Although he is not a strong writer and struggles with proper sentence structure and punctuation, he is an avid reader and fantastic in class discussions. He is especially interested in the genres of science fiction and fantasy. At times, John's interest in sharing his ideas can become a little overzealous and he forgets to raise his hand. I found that a few gentle reminders greatly helped with this problem since John did not wish to step on anyone else's toes; he simply was excited about what was being discussed.

I hope you enjoy teaching John this year as much as I did last year. He is an enthusiastic and polite young man who I am sure will accomplish great things in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Patricia Green