

**Sample Letter Providing Public School with 10-Day Notice of Intent to
Withdraw Student and Place in a Private School**

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Nathan Weiss, Director of Special Education
School District #10
1001 Main Street
Middleburg, IL 60010

Reference: Michael K. Smith
DOB: 01/02/90
School: Grove Middle School

Dear Dr. Weiss:

As you know, my son Michael attends Grove Middle School. Michael has dyslexia. Although he was placed in support classes for two years, he did not learn to read.

Michael has been evaluated by the school psychologist and a private sector school psychologist. Last week, he was evaluated by Dr. Kay, a neuro-psychologist. The findings are clear and not disputed. Michael has not learned to read. According to the last evaluations, he has fallen further behind. The school personnel blame Michael for his lack of progress.

I advised the team that I may place Michael in private school if the school district will not provide an intensive program of reading remediation. I was told that Michael received the services that were available and that nothing else could be done. The school psychologist said I should not expect that Michael will learn to read. Dr. Black says that my son will learn to read if he is taught appropriately. Dr. Kay concurs with Dr. Black.

Michael has a right to an appropriate education. I have spent two frustrating years in meetings, trying to educate the district and myself. I have spent thousands of dollars on evaluations that the district ignores.

What can I do? What would you do? Is it unreasonable to expect the school to teach my son to read?

I plan to remove Michael from Independent School District #1 and place him in the Dewey School, a private school that specializes in teaching children like Michael to read. If Michael makes progress in the private program, I will ask the district to reimburse me for the cost of his education.

If you have any questions, you may call me at work (555-9876) or at home (555-1234).

Sincerely,

Jane Smith

cc: Dr. Black
Dr. Kay