

Dear Division 6,

Along with my fellow colleagues, I want to let you know that WE QUIT! Being a chair is incredibly difficult and we have had enough! From supporting the weight of your growing bodies, to being left with unsanitary items like your masks and snack wrappers, to being physically mistreated from our head to toes, we have decided that we have had enough! Until you treat us better and provide us better working conditions, we will temporarily stop serving you and your bottoms during your ELA writing periods. Feel free to bring new chairs to replace us, but good luck bringing them in given the Covid-19 restrictions! Until these concerns are addressed, we will be going on strike!

First, you continue to grow and become heavier day after day! I hope that you know you are heavy, and that our fragile and thin legs cannot withstand a lot of this weight! Not only are you heavy, but you continue to get heavier throughout the day as you eat your snack, devour your lunch, hydrate yourselves with water, and finally, because of the chilly weather, you add even more weight when you put on your heavy winter jacket! Finally, we do not mind when you stack us on top of each other at the end of each day, but we certainly do not like being sat on in our stacks! Being a chair is tough, especially when serving for intermediate students.

Next, I want to bring awareness of the unsanitary conditions that we are left with when you are not here. Especially during a pandemic, we want to bring awareness to some filthy conditions that we have been left in. I understand that it is my duty to carry the weight of your body, but what about your supplies and even food? During your recess and lunch time, many of us carry your pencils and your food wrappers. It is no fun to not get a break. Consider treating us better by putting your belongings where they are supposed to go: your cubbies.

Finally, I want to address how we are physically treated. Look at the floor near you. I am sure that you see our footprint marks. It takes a lot of effort to consistently endure your weight. Many times, you sit on us, and proceed to drag us around the class, as if we had wheels on us. The friction between our feet and the floor when you drag us around burns, and I hope you consider it twice before doing it again.

I know that realistically, you cannot bring your own seats. You can pretend that you “enjoy” not sitting on us, but I know that is just acting. We may be stationary, but we are highly intelligent. While we are on a temporary strike, we demand the following. First, we demand better working conditions. We want to be treated better so please consider the reasons mentioned above and thank you in advance for being gentler with us. Secondly, we would appreciate if can write a letter to return to us, either to apologize or to let us know why you think we are wrong. Either way, we look forward to hearing back from you.

Take care,

*Your chairs*

*(Avery, Ben, Candice, Derek, Everett Jr., Flemming, Gary, Hermina, Ida, Janet, Karla, Luna, Marge, Nicholas, Oliver, Patricia, Queenie, Rick, Steven, Tammy, Ulysses, Victor, Wendy, Xander, Yuki, Zachary, and The Chair Would Like to Remain Anonymous)*

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