

Date

Name, Superintendent of Schools

Street Address

City, State ZIP

Dear Name,

This is to discuss with you the scheduling of school events on Sunday afternoons. According to the school calendar you recently published, no less than nine Sunday afternoons during the coming school year will be reserved for high school events, most of which have a mandatory attendance requirement for the students involved.

I recognize that the proliferation of extracurricular school activities have filled most weekday evenings and Saturdays, making Sunday afternoons look like "prime time" for additional school event scheduling. However, both as a pastor and as a parent, I must protest.

As a pastor, I would point out that, not only my church, but many congregations have youth fellowship meetings on Sunday evenings. In my experience, whenever young people have school events on Sunday afternoons, most do not attend the church events in the evening. In effect, the heavy scheduling of school events leaves students with no time for church events.

As a parent, I mourn the loss of family time that today's schedules inflict on families. In my family, it is nearly impossible to find an evening during the week when all of us may sit down together for a meal. Now, with Sunday afternoon school demands, my teenagers feel pressured to skip or rush through Sunday dinner in order to arrive at the school event on time.

And they come home afterward too tired to attend church in the evening.

Certainly there are pressures on you to permit school events on Sundays, but I appeal to you to allow students, families and churches this one day each week free of school obligations.

I would appreciate a response to this request.

Sincerely,

Your name typed