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Dear Teacher,

I am 13 years old and I live with my mom, dad and younger sister here in Stratford. I love animals, and that is why my family also has two dogs and a bunny. I also really enjoy playing sports in my spare time, with my favourite sport being soccer. I play in a soccer league every Wednesday night.

At school, I have learned that I am primarily a kinesthetic learner, meaning I learn best by doing things that are hands-on. Also, because of this, I have trouble sitting in one place for long periods of time. In terms of how I am smart, my primary multiple intelligences are bodily, visual and naturalistic. This means I can express myself well by doing physical activities, I enjoy analyzing pictures and graphs and I am very interested in nature and the outdoors. Quizzes have also shown that I am right-brain dominant, which suggests that I am a creative and caring individual.

Although I am good at thinking abstractly and using my creativity to solve problems, I have trouble with numbers and math. For example, I cannot memorize my times tables, which means it takes me much longer to complete math questions. I find it very helpful to be allowed some extra time to complete tests and class work, and the use of a calculator helps to give me confidence to work through my math work at my own pace.

I feel that good teachers are those who care about their students as people – not just how smart they are. In the past I really appreciated when teachers would take the time to work with me one-on-one to ensure I understand what I'm supposed to be doing. I also really like it when teachers encourage their students to ask questions because it makes me feel like I'm not the only one who might be confused.

Sincerely,

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