

# EXHIBIT A

# I Pass the Torch. Revolt, ye Underclassmen!

Welcome, readers, to the last and final issue of the year. It's also my last and final chance to depart wisdom and advice to my peers and the unfortunate underclassman.

When I first started to write this, I started out with a pessimistic outlook, focused on seniors and what we will be facing. Luckily, my trusty friends in the *Tattler* office slapped me until I came to my senses. After all, the Seniors are out of here. They have served their time here (yes, it does sound like jail). It's the underclassmen, the Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen who are important now, not those who will be leaving. And as such, I dedicate this final editorial as a way of "passing the torch" to quote my predecessor, the infamous Jimmy Moody.

During the four years I've been here, I've seen and heard many aspects of school life, be it music, sports, academics or politics. And one thing I learned is that sometimes, the only way to change things is to get passionate about something.

For example, when people were upset about the proposed Dress Code changes, they went to the board meetings to complain. They signed petitions, and discussed issues during Student Council. When people get upset, they actually take action.

But the problem is, most other times people are too apathetic and lazy in this school. When *The Tattler* ran the anonymous Letter to the Editor last issue regarding the casting of *Crazy For You*, many people came up to me to complain. However, when given the opportunity to write a response, they backed out, or never turned it in. Also, people would complain about Student Council and

the fact that they don't do anything. Yet none of those people who complained actually ran for office. In fact, the people who complained the loudest were most often the ones who refused to take action.

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So as I leave, my last and final request to you, the underclassmen, would be to fight against injustice. Stop complaining and act. Don't think you're hopeless, because you aren't. Sign petitions, attend meetings, voice your opinions at places where they matter and are heard. Get involved. Change your environment. Because by the time you are at the last leg of the journey, and are staring at your future, you won't care anymore. Act when you can, before you give into the lull of apathy. I leave to you, the underclassmen, the fate of this school. I leave it upon your shoulders.

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heard that before  
is Board took over  
ere was violence in  
schools, every day

Yes and with  
uniforms, we don't  
have to think as  
much

When the PTA discovered that  
violence was caused by video games,  
television and clothing style, and not  
their own negligent upbringing, they  
had to make uniforms to protect us.

So are you going  
to the Two  
Minutes Poprally?

Well it is  
Mandatory

Remember  
**Little Red**  
Is watching  
**YOU**

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