

RE: Emails**Mario Neal <MNeal@Naperville203.org>**

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Hi Mrs. Marshall,

I appreciate you trying to help me understand what has been taking place at All Saints with the kids. So many interactions that took place between some staff and my children make me uncomfortable that trust has been broken. I want nothing more than to feel that my kids are safe, respected, and valued while they are at school. This is why I wish for more clarity and transparency about what is happening at All Saints and the involvement in the divorce.

Regarding Mrs. Magana, If that conversation between her and [REDACTED] never occurred, then [REDACTED] making up this conversation about their discussion would be highly out of character. Nothing that day seemed odd for me to discredit what she shared.

Also, I am trying to understand what happened on March 15. Mrs. Magana, on that day, behaved with me as if I was a criminal. That day Carl Brewer called me to take the kids to the DCFS office at 1255 Bond Street in Naperville. I was very clear with him that Tom had the kids that day. He said that he would call Tom to inform him of that and that it was important that he speak with the kids. So I called All Saints to tell them I would pick up the kids and take them to the DCFS office. I also signed the paperwork to know they were with me. Instead of immediately calling me to confirm I had the kids, Mrs. Magana called me until 4:00 PM, 35 minutes after school got out. When she did call, She asked why I had not told anyone I had taken the kids from school. Even after telling her where I was, she demanded to speak to the agent to ensure I was not lying. I told her Carl was meeting with the kids. After I asked several times that I wanted to talk to Carl, he finally came out and spoke with Mrs. Magana. She was then made aware that I did not decide for the kids to be there, but instead, I was asked by a state employee working for DCFS to take the kids. Even after speaking with Carl and knowing what was happening, the police arrived around 4:15 PM. I then learned that Tom was out of town, and if we followed the court documents, the kids were to have been with me and not the grandparents. This is why his parents were there at pick up and not him. Therefore, I had a legal right to take the kids with me that day.

There was never a follow-up call or email to clarify anything or even to apologize for how I was treated that day. Based on the previous email where she shared dates that she had met with Josephine, Mrs. Magana met with [REDACTED] on March 13 and again on March 16. Very odd since she would only meet with her once a week. I soon began to wonder the purpose of the second meeting. Was this meeting to question [REDACTED] about what had happened the day before, or was there another reason for her to see her twice that week? As I had mentioned, having the kids witness the police questioning me was very sad for them to see, so the last thing I wanted was for them to continue reliving an unpleasant and disturbing day. Unfortunately, I was never reached to share what was happening with [REDACTED]; I still don't know why a second meeting was needed. Does Tom know? Also, was there a follow-up as to why Tom didn't follow court orders?

I ask that I be treated with respect like any other parent. So many allegations were made against Tom, and a current investigation is ongoing. Yet, I get treated with suspicion, and it would almost appear that an effort was being made to stop the kids from speaking with the DCFS investigators.

I would appreciate an effort to work together on what is legal and appropriate for all three kids. Nothing more, nothing less.