

Dear Mrs. Gomez,

I went to my cousin's house over Spring Break. While I was there I got to visit his school. It was amazing how many computers his school has. More amazing was what the computers did for his school, its students and teachers. The students' grades are improving, they started an academic team, and morale throughout the school has shot up. I think our school would see the same or very similar gains if you purchased us a lot of computers for us.

Mrs. Gomez, if you would purchase more computers for our school you would see students' grades go up. Nine out of ten students who have access to computers spend more time studying. No one knows better than you that more time studying equals better grades. My cousin's principal said that the average study time of students doubled after they got the school new computers. Besides of increasing time on task, computers help students' grades by reaching students who learn best by seeing and doing. Many students who are failing don't like just listening. They understand better if they can use interactive computer programs. For example, my brother could not understand how to play monopoly, until we got him the computer game "Monopoly". Also, our generation likes computers and is used to turning to computers for information. Since students like computers they are more likely to use them to do school work from math drills to history or science research. This will pump up our grades. I read an article that I found on the computer that said experts agree that students are more likely to do research on a computer than in a library. Mrs. Gomez, don't you want to have enough computers so that your students can do drills and research resulting in our grades going up?

Wouldn't it be fantastic if the computers you purchased for the school made enough kids interested in academics that we formed an academic team? Wow, I can hear the cheers coming from the gym over an academic game! Wouldn't it be exciting if academics was what the students were excited about? We could never compete in this academic excitement without new computers. We could never be competitive without the practice software only up-to-date computers can run. I am sure you want us to be able to be competitive as an academic team.

Just picture it, Mrs. Gomez, the morale of the students and teachers would go up if we had new computers. Research shows that 90% of the students would feel more successful so they would like school better. Imagine students wanting to come to school because school would be "in". Just think, Mrs. Gomez, computers could actually make academics "in"! In addition, all of the teachers would be ecstatic because their students would be doing better academically. Additionally, the teachers could use grading programs on the computers which could save them time and make their lives easier. If their lives are easier, they will be happier and encourage the kids more. They will smile more and say, "Thank goodness Mrs. Gomez got those super computers!"

So, in closing, not only would students' grades go up which would make you look good, the teachers and students would feel more confident. Now, that would really make you look good! And, we would probably win the Academic Games just because you decided to follow my advice and buy us new computers. Mrs. Gomez, computers made a difference in my cousin's school and I know you want to make a positive difference here at our school! Please purchase new computers and you can do just that!

Your Friend,
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