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To the Director of Little Flower Child Care Center,

We are writing as a group of gravely concerned parents about a recently publicized incident involving Nicholas Rye, the head teacher of the 3- to 5-year-old group at your center. It was published in last week’s local newspaper that Mr. Rye was charged and convicted of a DWI (driving while intoxicated). While we understand that this incident occurred outside of work hours and away from Little Flower premises, we strongly believe that it is cause to believe that Mr. Rye is unfit to care for our children and provides grounds for his dismissal.

Many of us currently have children in Mr. Rye’s classroom and are shocked at the lack of action by Little Flower administration on this issue. We do not believe that a man who uses such little judgment, and is willing to put his own life and the lives of others in such danger, has any place caring for our children. We acknowledge that he has in the past created a fun and structured learning environment for children—we had come to trust and rely on Mr. Rye. This makes this news all the more devastating for our families. We are deeply disappointed in his actions and have lost complete confidence in him as a teacher. We understand that all humans make mistakes, but some mistakes are unforgiveable, especially when the well-being of children is at stake. We are, therefore, calling for the resignation of Mr. Rye.

A lack of disciplinary action from Little Flower administration on this issue may force some of us to seek childcare elsewhere. We hope for a clear and decisive resolution to this issue. Please make Little Flower safe for our children again.

Sincerely,

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