

March 10, 2021

Via Email

Ms. Micheline Lataliza
510 East 80th Street, No. 5C
New York, New York 10075

Re: Incident Occurring March 10, 2021

Dear Ms. Lataliza:

This Firm is counsel to The Birch Wathen Lenox School. It has been brought to my attention that during this morning's drop off of your daughter for School, you engaged in inappropriate and criminal conduct which included:

- failure to wear a face covering as required by the School's Covid-19 protocols;
- refusal to wear a face covering when one was offered to you;
- using offensive and derogatory language aimed at the School's nurse;
- pushing the nurse; and
- spitting at the nurse.

Your physical contact with the nurse constitutes an assault under New York law. Of course, the School has zero tolerance for such conduct.

Accordingly, as a direct result of your actions -- which were observed by multiple witnesses and recorded by the School's security cameras -- the School hereby notifies you that (a) you are no longer permitted to drop off or pick up your child from the School; (b) you are no longer permitted on School grounds (which includes the area immediately in front of the School's building); and (c) you are prohibited from having any direct physical contact with any member of the School's faculty and staff. Please be advised that if you violate the foregoing directives, we will consider you to be trespassing on School grounds and we will notify the Police Department.

You should make immediate arrangements to ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up from School by someone other than you in accordance with the School's policies which require you to provide the School with the name of the person authorized to escort your child to and from School.

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Any and all questions or other communications regarding the foregoing, be it from you or your counsel, should be directed to me. Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward P. Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "E".

Edward P. Gilbert

cc: Mr. Mitchell Epstein (via email)