

May 23, 2014
Ms. Carmen Fariña
52 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

Dear Ms. Carmen Fariña,

My name is Naia and I am a 6th grader at the United Nations International School. In 6th grade at UNIS everybody does a big research project and my teacher thought that if we did a project on something we are passionate about not only would it be more enjoyable but we would try even harder and make it an over all wonderful experience.

For my project, I chose bullying. I have always been passionate about this issue because I was seriously bullied in 3rd grade. I figured that nobody in this world should have to go through what I did and that's why I chose this issue.

Studies show that 200 million kids will be bullied in the world this year. 13 million of which will be bullied in America, which is about 1/7 of the child population in America. Bullying does not only worsen the quality of life of a child but can take serious tolls on the child's health and educational success.

This is why I am writing you. I know that you want every child to succeed in school, but bullying prevents children from reaching educational success. When kids are being bullied they don't care if they are failing in school, they don't even think about it. All they think about is bullying.

I know that you have a huge role in NYC education that is why I am asking for your help. I am requesting for you to spread the word about bullying. My goal is for every single teacher, parent and student to know about bullying and how serious it is. Statistics show that teachers only intervene 4% of the time. My goal is for teachers to intervene 100% of the time but to do so they need to be well informed. Parents need to be there to help their children through hard times and can potentially persuade a child to continue on their life. If all students knew then they would be allies and that is the most important step to stop bullying. If students show that they are not entertained by it there wouldn't be bullying in the first place.

I have put my blood, sweat and tears in this project and I would really appreciate it if you read it. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter. I would appreciate it if you would please answer me at my home address listed below.

Sincerely,