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Hello BOE,

My name is Ben Walck and my son Jackson plays baseball for the HBMS baseball team. Yesterday the boys had a baseball game at Bethlehem. The boys team lost in the final inning and I watched Coach Bollin walk these boys into the outfield to speak with them after the game. He screamed and yelled at them, degrading them for a minute or two before throwing his hands in the air and storming off. This is not the first time I have seen him act like this. He continues to belittle these kids in front of their teammates and opposing teams.

I am not doing this to complain about my son's playing time, and in all transparency, he has been more than fair to my son. My son is only a 5th grader and continues to play over kids who are older than him.

I felt the need to speak up because these are only kids. The way Coach Bollin speaks to these boys is disgusting. Multiple other parents are angry and upset over the way that their kids are being coached and spoken to. Imagine putting your child in the hands of someone who is supposed to be a mentor, but instead, belittles and degrades them. THEY ARE JUST KIDS.

I emailed Mr. Tolomeo, Mr. Kolton, and Dr. Hobaugh as well about this issue. Parents are planning to work together to sign a petition to have him removed, however I am worried that due to Jerry Tolomeo being related to Coach Bollin that nothing will be done.

Please let me know if you can help us in this matter. Other players parents will be happy to substantiate my statements.

Thank you,  
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