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Dear Ms. Laplace,

We are in receipt of your letter dated February 2, 2012 regarding the publication of an article by Alfred Tsai in the Stuyvesant High School student-run newsletter, *In Other Words*. Principal Stanley Teitel has determined that it is unnecessary for the school administration to intervene in the student-led editorial process. Principal Teitel met with the four student editors of the newsletter and none believes that the article (in its original form or the revised version proposed by Mr. Tsai) should be published because it is not consistent with the parameters set forth for *In Other Words* articles. This decision is consistent with their initial position; contrary to Mr. Tsai's understanding, none of the student editors agreed to publish his article at any time. Principal Teitel supports the exercise of the students' editorial discretion and does not feel that it is appropriate to override their judgment by requiring them to publish Mr. Tsai's article:

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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