



## CHEROKEE NATION

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Dear Jessie:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate hearing about the situation at Bell School.

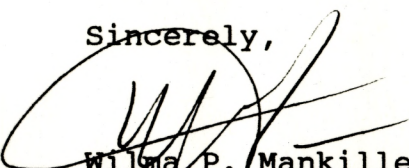
Unfortunately there is little I or anyone at the Cherokee Nation can do about the situation you describe. The school board has a great deal of authority over hiring and firing of faculty and staff of Bell School.

I would suggest you and other parents who share your concerns attend the school board meeting and let the school board know that the principal has your support. A good showing of parents could influence the outcome of the meeting. Most people do not like to get involved in controversy but when it comes to the education of children I hope parents will stand up and be heard.

I'm sorry I could not be more helpful.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Wilma P. Mankiller  
Principal Chief