

**Burget, Niomi [GO]**

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**From:** Sam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 10:51 AM  
**To:** Coatney, Denise [GO]; Burget, Niomi [GO]  
**Subject:** Just made mean comments at gov brownback and told him he sucked, in person #...

Tweet from a girl who I think was with the highschool group that talked to the Governor today

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via [brownback - Twitter Search](#) by emmakate988 (Emma Sullivan) on 11/21/11

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**From:** Burget, Niomi [GO]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 11:19 AM  
**To:** deborahbrown [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Jones-Sontag, Sherriene [GO]  
**Subject:** FW: Just made mean comments at gov brownback and told him he sucked, in person #...

Good morning, Deb.

I hope the visit went well. I know that Governor Brownback always enjoys meeting and visiting with the groups that come and visit the Capital.

I would like to share with you a message that was brought to our attention. I don't know if this was someone with your group, but thought if it was you might want it brought to your attention.

Respectfully,

*Niomi Burget*

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Denise Coatney for  
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**From:** Deb Brown [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2011 8:41 AM  
**To:** Burget, Niomi [GO]  
**Subject:** RE: Just made mean comments at gov brownback and told him he sucked, in person #...

Niomi,

I have contacted the Principal of the school that this student was a delegate from. Again, this type of behavior is not indicative of the students who attend the Youth in Government program.

Emma was not one of the four students who met privately with Gov. Brownback and I am not sure when she would have spoken to the Governor.

I am of course embarrassed for the Youth in Government program, the Shawnee Mission School district and for the Shawnee Mission East, the school that Emma attends. My sincere apologies on behalf of all.

We were so excited to have the Governor speak to the students and pleased that he spent additional time with our student leaders. I was with those students and the conversation was very respectful and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to have that one on one time.

Thank you for your help in scheduling the Governor. I am hoping that we will be able to have him speak to the YIG students next year if he is available.

Regards,

Deb

*Deborah K. Brown*  
K-12 Social Studies Specialist  
Shawnee Mission School District  
Kansas Coordinator, Kansas Youth in Government Program  
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*"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence"*  
Abigail Adams

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From: Karl Krawitz [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2011 1:28 PM  
To: Burget, Niomi [GO]  
Subject: FW: Thank You

Ms. Burgat,

Below you will find an e-mail of support for me along with a website you should visit. I hope you will share this with the governor. You need to know there are many inaccuracies associated with her story. Since we protect the privacy of kids, I will not comment on specifics of the case except to say there are two sides to the story. This is not about political views or opinions or free speech – it about being respectful as a student while on a school trip. What she does on her time is her business. She was dishonest to her friends when she sent the tweet and who knows why she decided to send it to the governor, but it is disrespectful. The governor should know we did not force any letter of apology. There were no threats if she did not – they were not even discussed. We did not take her phone, imposed any sanctions, suspend her from school, removed her from any activity – nothing – simply write a letter of apology. I am not a big fan of the governor, but I respect the person and the office. He may be used to this kind of negative mail (which is disgusting), however I am not. The hate mail I have received is a disgrace. I am not sure what will become of this issue – unfortunately, this will probably get ugly.

Thank you

Karl R. Krawitz Ed.D  
Principal