

# A NOTE TO EVERY PARENT

I know you want the best for me and our future generations. You push me to work hard in school and to do my best work. You work hard for our family time and to make our home a welcoming place. You are dependable.

So, I need to ask you to leave who you are and what you have known. I need you to work to support my strength; intellect, and successful independence. Please for our sake and our grandchildren's sake leave the past and move into the warm glow of the possibilities of the future-please help me move into my future. I want you to be proud of me.

I am not broken; I do not need to be fixed. I need to find strength to be the best I can be...the best you expect me to be...I want you to be proud of the person I am and the person I can become...I need you to lead me, and empower me. I need you to see my strengths and forgive my weaknesses; to forgive me when I have disappointed you.

When I flounder I need you to remind me of my successes; not my failures. Please do not sink down with me into the depths of my despair. You are strong and my pillar; you have the heart of a kind and gracious soul; please shower me with this light.

Every day, with your words and actions you paint the picture of who I will become. Please tell me where I need to go and not what I do/did wrong. Please lead me in the direction of your/my/our dreams. Please affirm my good qualities and empower me to be the person of our dreams.

-Anonymous

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