Items in red should be edited to describe your child and blanks filled in with his or her name.

## Dear Teachers,

Enclosed is a packet of information we hope you find helpful regarding Disorders of the Corpus Callosum (DCC), a brain disorder which affects our child \_\_\_\_\_\_ who is a student in your class this year. \_\_\_\_\_\_ was born with C-ACC/P-ACC/H-CC which stands for (Compete Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum / Partial Agenesis of the Corpus Callosum / Hypoplasia of the Corpus Callosum), meaning his/her Corpus Callosum is completely/partially missing. This is a congenital brain abnormality which involves the right and left hemispheres of the brain.

The Corpus Callosum is the bundle of fibers or main pathway that connects the 2 sides of the brain and enables the 2 sides to communicate with each other. Without a fully formed Corpus Callosum, \_\_\_\_\_\_ faces added challenges and difficulties. The enclosed brochure lists some of the common characteristics & challenges of DCC. Also enclosed in this folder are some educational implications and suggestions for best practices in dealing with DCC and specifically with \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Our goal as parents of \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to gain support and understanding from his / her teachers, classmates and other peers as he / she navigates his / her way through life with a disability that is not physically noticeable. The best way for you (or anyone else) to help \_\_\_\_\_\_ is to show patience when it might take him / her a little longer to "get it" or when he / she is struggling to fit in with peers in social situations. It is frustrating for him/her at times as well. He / she has to work twice as hard as kids without a brain disorder.

As a parent, it is difficult to watch your child try so hard and struggle. \_\_\_\_\_ has done remarkably well and we are very proud of him / her. We continue to learn a lot about life as we try to experience things through his / her eyes.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ believes it helps to have his / her teachers and class educated about his / her disorder. The more people who know about his / her condition, the more opportunity for increased awareness, patience and understanding.

Thank you for your support and understanding. We look forward to partnering with you in \_\_\_\_\_'s educational journey.

(parents names)\_\_\_\_\_ &\_\_\_\_

For more information on Disorders of the Corpus Callosum, you can log onto <u>www.nodcc.org</u>