I Stand

I am not perfect I don't always make the best decisions sometimes

I try something and fail but I want you to know I tried

Today I want to stand strong

There are people that come here hungry

I stand for those who need food and for those who will feed us

In a world that values beauty and image and tells us “this is what you should look like”

I stand for those who are blemished and broken AND beautiful just the way they are

Designer brands, the best shoes

I stand for those who are brave enough to stand happy in their own clothes

I stand for your own sense of style

When people in my own culture want to tear me down or make fun of me

I ignore the hypocrisy and stand with those who choose success

When others want me to give up my traditions

I stand and speak all my languages

When bad words fly across campus and are used as weapons

I stand up and say, “Words Matter”. I choose kindness and compliments

When others want to tear me down

I am NOT weak, but I am not hurtful back. I stand strong and hope to inspire others

There are those who complain and do nothing

I stand with those who lead and take action to make a difference

Gossip here, gossip there.

I stand strong and close my mouth to judgment.

Some say I am weak because I cannot play or didn’t make the team.

I stand and support those who can.

Home means feelings of pain, fear, anger, depression, and use.

I stand strong for sobriety, healing, and hope.

“You should do this, you need to do that.”

I stand strong, knowing who I am and what I want to be.

That's dumb, you're stupid, you don’t know anything, you’re not cool.

I stand strong against bullies like you, because you’re not the boss of me.

By myself, in a corner…

I stand and say, “I will be your friend.” We don’t have to be lonely anymore.

Even though my heart has been hurt before

I still stand for love and want to give love to you.

This place is ghetto, people here are mean, I hate school…NO!

I stand for school spirit. I stand for a better, more kind, more connected school…MY SCHOOL

Who will stand with me?