Putting it Into Practice!

Scenario 1 (Teacher)

Mr. Newman is filling out recommendation forms for some of his students to advance to honors level classes next year. In his fourth period, there was only one student who really wanted to be in honors. He looked through his grade book and saw that this was a good student, some B's but mostly A's. Mr. Newman knew that this student always came to class prepared and ready to discuss assigned reading material. However, about a month ago, this student's parents participated in a public rally that expressed strong political views in contrast to Mr. Newman's. As a result, he didn't recommend this student for honors. Being aware of his political stance, this student's parents questioned why he didn't advance to the honors level and Mr. Newman said that it was some unfortunate circumstances.

How can this situation be addressed? (Please provide a negative and positive demonstration.)

Scenario 2 (Parent)

Mrs. Castillo is a dedicated parent with three children. Her oldest daughter is an honor student and freshman at the local high school. Mrs. Castillo wants for her daughter to go to college and become a lawyer some day. To make sure she is prepared, Mrs. Castillo schedules an appointment to speak with the school's guidance counselor. Upon meeting, Mrs. Castillo is told that it may be better for her daughter to apply at the local community colleges because it's not likely that she's going to be able to complete the coursework required to become a lawyer or afford the expense of that education.

How can this situation be addressed? (Please provide a negative and positive demonstration.)

Scenario 3 (Administrator)

Mrs. Samuels is the parent of a child with special needs. She recently relocated and had to enroll her son into a smaller school with limited resources for persons with special needs. Upon meeting with the principal a month later, she inquired about his plan to provide additional resources for students with disabilities because her son was having difficulties utilizing the restroom facilities, entering the school and engaging in classroom activities that he was formerly used to having a share in. The principal responded by saying "the school's budget is nearly exhausted and we cannot afford to spend the money it would take to accommodate everyone's needs, besides, there is only a hand full of special needs children at this school."

How could this situation have been resolved? (Please provide a negative and positive demonstration.)