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TEASER**SC.1 INT. TWILIGHT'S CASTLE - DAY**

TWILIGHT SPARKLE, PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, RARITY, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY and SPIKE stand next to STARLIGHT GLIMMER, staring into Twilight's throne room in shock.

1 TWILIGHT
THIS happened while we were gone!?

Reveal THE MAP in the center of the throne room. It has expanded significantly since we last saw it. It now includes the lands beyond Equestria from the feature length adventure.

2 APPLEJACK
Those are all the places we went
when we left to save Equestria!

The ponies excitedly examine the map, pointing things out--

3 RARITY
Indeed! There's that HORRID town
where we were almost sold!

Starlight looks at them, shocked. Rainbow Dash leans down, eyes level with a dock - tiny air ships floating around it.

4 RAINBOW DASH
The pirates! They were pretty
awesome... once they decided not to
throw us overboard.

5 PINKIE PIE
And Mt. Aris! Ooo! Starlight, did
you know we made seashell necklaces
for ALLLLL the seaponies?!

6 STARLIGHT
(trying to keep up)
I... you.. Really?
(then, to Twilight)
What about that unicorn? The one
who attacked Canterlot?

7 TWILIGHT
Tempest. I invited her to come to
Ponyville, but she wanted to spread
word of the Storm King's defeat...
(thoughtful)
And share what she learned about
friendship.

8 APPLEJACK
Y'think that's why the map grew?
Friendship quests beyond Equestria?

9 FLUTTERSHY
I hope not. I've had quite enough
life-threatening adventures, thank
you very much.

Pinkie Pie measures the distance from the extended map to the edge of the wall.

10 PINKIE PIE
How many friendship quests do you
think we need to go on before we
have to expand the throne room?

Twilight stares at the map thoughtfully.

11 TWILIGHT
We can't do it alone.

12 PINKIE PIE
SURE we can. We just need to knock
this wall down, get some paint--

13 TWILIGHT
No. I mean the world is filled with
so many different creatures who
know nothing about friendship... We
can't do it ourselves. We need help
if we're going to teach them all
about friendship. Lots of help.

14 RARITY
Perhaps. But where does one go to
learn about friendship?

Twilight's eyes grow wide with excitement.

15 TWILIGHT
Here! They can all go here! Because
We're going to open a school!

Off of Twilight's determined expression we...

END TEASER

ACT ONE

SC.2 INT. CELESTIA'S SCHOOL OF MAGIC - LATER

Twilight, Spike and PRINCESS CELESTIA walk through Celestia's School of Magic. They pass UNICORNS in classrooms levitating objects, studying spells and practicing potions. Twilight takes notes on five different floating notepads.

16 CELESTIA
I think a School of Friendship is a wonderful idea, Twilight. I'll help in any way I can.

Note: In the following run, Celestia starts to answer each question, but Twilight doesn't let her get a word in.

17 TWILIGHT
I just have a few questions: What time should school start each day? What's the ideal length for class? Do you test regularly? What about class projects? Assigned seating? Open seating? Or is that too unstructured?

18 CELESTIA
Twilight! You were my star pupil. If anyone knows how to run a school, it's you.

19 TWILIGHT
There's a big difference between attending a school and running one. It's not like there's a rulebook to follow...

20 CELESTIA
Actually, there is. The EEA guidebook is very specific about how to run a school.

Twilight freezes, notepads crashing to the ground.

21 TWILIGHT
The EEA? I've never heard of that. Should I have heard of that?

22 CELESTIA
Of course not, you've never run a school before! The Equestria Education Association is a board of learned ponies that oversee every school in Equestria.

23 SPIKE
Even YOUR school? But you're...YOU!

24 CELESTIA
Not even a Princess can do whatever she likes when it comes to shaping young pony minds. The EEA ensures that whether it's unicorns studying magic or pegasi learning weather, all schools are held to the same high standard. They'll need to approve your plan before you can move forward.

Twilight smiles nervously.

25 TWILIGHT
Okay Spike. Looks like we have a presentation to make!

26 SPIKE
Pff. After everything we've been through, how hard can that be?

SMASH CUT TO:

SC.3 INT. EQUESTRIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION - SHORTLY AFTER

Twilight stands in a pool of light in an otherwise dark imposing room (think HARRY POTTER's Ministry of Magic).

27 SPIKE
(sotto)
I'm gonna go with really hard.

An officious-looking unicorn, NEIGHSAY, stands at a podium, staring down his muzzle at Twilight. Several OTHER PONIES are in the shadows behind him. A few <COUGHS> from the gallery.

28 TWILIGHT
Uh. Hello. My name is--

29 NEIGHSAY
Princess Twilight Sparkle. I am Chancellor Neighsay. Equestria owes you a great debt. But Princess or no, we expect you to do things by The. Book.

He drops a HUGE tome, THE EEA HANDBOOK, in front of Twilight. Twilight nods to Spike, who passes out packets to the ponies.

30 TWILIGHT
I think you'll find my curriculum
meets all your requirements,
Chancellor.

Neighsay studies Twilight's very-organized packet.

31 NEIGHSAY
And can we trust you to follow
through with this plan? Or will you
leave the school unattended to
gallop off on more *adventures*?

32 TWILIGHT
(slightly miffed)
My journey beyond Equestria showed
me first hoof that the threats out
there are greater than we imagined.

<MURMURS> from the assembled ponies. "Threats" gets
Neighsay's attention.

33 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
If we want to keep our land safe,
and create a friendlier tomorrow,
we need to teach the magic of
friendship far and wide.

34 NEIGHSAY
(thoughtful)
A school for ponies to learn how to
protect themselves...

35 TWILIGHT
More like respecting differences
and communicating --

36 NEIGHSAY
The EEA concurs. Everypony should
be prepared to defend our way of
life. So, if your work is in order--

Spike fans out different presentation folders --

37 SPIKE
Alphabetical, numerical, or color-
coded?

38 NEIGHSAY
--PROVISIONAL EEA approval is
granted. We will need to observe
your school up and running before
it can be fully accredited.

39 TWILIGHT
Then please, join us for Friends
and Family Day. It'll be the
perfect time to see our progress!

Neighsay nods and stamps Twilight's packet with an EEA CHECK
MARK! Twilight is thrilled.

FADE TO:

SC.4 EXT. PONYVILLE - WEEKS LATER

A picturesque morning in Ponyville. We soar over Twilight's
castle to see a beautiful lake behind it. A bridge over the
lake connects the castle to TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL OF FRIENDSHIP
on the other side. It's beautiful, impressive and scholarly-
looking. The highest tower GLEAMS in the sun.

40 RAINBOW DASH (O.S.)
It's too much! TOO MUCH!!!

41 RARITY (O.S.)
You think so?

SC.5 INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - CONTINUOUS

Near a raised platform with a welcome banner, Starlight and
the Mane 5 prepare for opening day. Rarity is dressed in full
schoolmarm: Big skirt, mane in a bun, glasses, the works.

42 RARITY
I hoped dressing the part would
help me feel the part.

Dramatic pose.

43 RAINBOW DASH
Not your dress! This! Us! Teaching?
They're gonna think I'm an eghead!

Pinkie Pie polishes her confetti cannon.

44 PINKIE PIE
Well, the students are gonna LOVE
my confetti cannon class. It's
gonna be--wait for it--a blast!

Fluttershy speaks to some woodland creatures, pretending they
are her students.

45 FLUTTERSHY
Um. Hello there. I'm your teacher.
I hope you enjoy class. But if you
don't enjoy it, that's okay too.

Angel face palms. Applejack looks at the others, unconvinced:
They don't look anything like teachers. To Starlight:

46 APPLEJACK
I dunno about all this.

Twilight enters to hear this, the giant EEA handbook floating
behind her. Spike follows with a checklist.

47 TWILIGHT
It's going to be fine. Everything
about this school just feels right.

48 STARLIGHT
(reassures Applejack)
See? If Twilight isn't stressed,
you've got nothing to worry about!

49 APPLEJACK
(to Twilight)
And you're SURE you want us to be
teachers? In classrooms?

Twilight flips through the EEA handbook.

50 TWILIGHT
The EEA is VERY clear on how
schools should be run. We have a
HUGE responsibility, and I need you
all to do this by the book. That
means no cannons in class, Pinkie.

51 PINKIE PIE
Awwwww. Not even a little cannon?

Pinkie Pie pulls out a teeny cannon. It lets off a cute,
high-pitched <EXPLOSION>. Twilight shakes her head.

52 TWILIGHT
I know it's not some big adventure
against the forces of evil. But
this could be the most important
thing we've ever done! I can't run
a school of Friendship without my
best friends. Can I count on you?

The ponies share a look with various levels of enthusiasm.

53 RARITY
Of course you can, darling.

54 RAINBOW DASH
(resigned)
Call me professor egghead. I'm in.

The bell in the school tower rings.

55 PINKIE PIE
AHHHH!! FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! SO
MANY NEW PONIES!

56 TWILIGHT
About that. ONE thing I forgot to
mention. It's not JUST ponies...

The doors open. There are several young ponies waiting to enter. But there's also a GRIFFON, a YAK, a DRAGON a CHANGELING and a HIPPOGRIFF!

Off the Mane 5's surprised expressions we...

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

SC.6 INT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - RESUME

The new students come streaming in, looking around excitedly. One of the ponies has cool dreadlocks for a mane, SANDBAR.

57 RARITY
Students certainly traveled from
far and wide to attend our school!

58 TWILIGHT
Princess Celestia helped me reach
out to all the kingdoms. After all,
friendship is something that needs
to be shared with every...creature.

Twilight steps up on the 'Welcome Students' platform and addresses the crowd, BEYOND EXCITED:

59 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Welcome to the School of
Friendship! I'm your headmaster,
Twilight Sparkle! Please follow
Guidance Counselor Starlight to
sign in and get your class
assignments. Then we can show you
to your living quarters!

Ponies follow Starlight down a corridor. Sandbar bumps into a young griffon, GALLUS - a smart-aleck slacker.

60 SANDBAR
 (friendly)
Whoa sorry! I'm Sandbar. Are you a student here too?

61 GALLUS
No. I just figured I'd randomly stand here and see how many ponies would walk into me.

62 GRANDPA GRUFF (O.S.)
GALLUS!!!

Sandbar gapes as Gallus struts off to join GRANDPA GRUFF, an ancient Griffon. Rainbow Dash spots him and flies over.

63 RAINBOW DASH
Grandpa Gruff! What're you doing here?

64 GRANDPA GRUFF
Flew all the way from Griffonstone to introduce my grandson Gallus.

65 GALLUS
Rainbow Dash, right? Gilda told me about you. You're a teacher? Huh. Thought you'd be... Cooler.

That doesn't sit well with Rainbow Dash.

66 PRINCE RUTHERFORD (O.S.)
PONIES!!!

WHIP PAN across the room as pony students scatter before:

67 PINKIE PIE
Prince Rutherford!!!

PRINCE RUTHERFORD stomps over to Pinkie and Applejack with the younger YONA YAK, a bit smaller but just as fearsome, hairy, and loud as he is.

68 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
This Yona Yak. She come to pony school. Make it better.

Yona bounces with Yak enthusiasm.

69 YONA
Yak can't wait to meet ponies and
tell ALL about Yakyaki-

Yona trips over her braid in her excitement and wipes out on the floor. As she gets up, she immediately begins knocking things over. Pinkie does several last-second catches.

70 APPLEJACK
Why don't I show you around before
ya destroy the place?

Applejack rushes after Yona, and passes two dragons. A young female dragon, SMOLDER (competitive, daring, aggressive), and EMBER, Lord of the Dragonlands.

71 SMOLDER
...But dragons are better than
this. Why am I here?

72 EMBER
Because as Dragon Lord I'm ordering
you to be here! (sees Spike) Hey!
Spike! Come meet Smolder.

Spike walks over and greets his old friend.

73 SPIKE
Great to see you, Ember. Um...
Which one is Smolder?

Spike looks over at a sweet, shy-looking dragon standing next to Smolder.

74 THORAX (O.S.)
Ocellus! What did we talk about?

The dragon turns into an adorable, shy changeling, Ocellus. Smolder and Ember both jump back, surprised. THORAX flies over.

75 THORAX (CONT'D)
I told you. Stay in your own form.
It's the polite thing to do.
 (to dragons)
Sorry. She's shy.

Ocellus can barely make eye contact with the dragons.

76 SILVERSTREAM (O.S.)
What is THAT?!

Ocellus panics, turns into an adorable little pony and hides behind Fluttershy, standing nearby. She TAKES in surprise.

A young, enthusiastic hippogriff, SILVERSTREAM, flies over. She looks at Ocellus and then at Thorax.

77 SILVERSTREAM (CONT'D)
No way! I didn't know ponies could turn into... Um. What are you?

78 THORAX
A changeling.

79 SILVERSTREAM
Ponies turn into changelings?

80 FLUTTERSHY
No. But changelings can turn into ponies.

81 SILVERSTREAM
Huh. That's confusing.

An older, calmer hippogriff lands next to Silverstream.

82 SEASPRAY
I am general Seaspray of her majesty Queen Novo's air force. I would like to introduce the queen's niece, Silverstream.

83 SILVERSTREAM
This place is amazing! I've spent most of my life in a coral reef under water. I was a seapony. But now I'm a hippogriff, long story. Anyways... WOW. IS THAT A YAK!?!

ANGLE as Twilight flies back to the 'WELCOME' platform and addresses the milling crowd. They turn as she begins:

84 TWILIGHT
Thank you so much for supporting the grand opening of our school. I hope you'll all join us for Friends and Family Day to see the amazing progress your students are making!

Twilight watches proudly as the Mane 5, Starlight and Spike help get students settled, the EEA handbook by her side.

85 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
Looks like school is in session!

FADE TO:

SC.7 INT/EXT. TWILIGHT'S SCHOOL - THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS

MUSIC UP. The school bell rings to the beat. Students excitedly whisper-sing as they hurry through the halls.

86 STUDENTS/CHORUS
School of Friendship!
First Day of Class!
Will we fail or will we pass?
Students here from far and wide!
Brand new friends here by our side!

Twilight wanders the halls, thrilled beyond belief.

87 TWILIGHT
Take a breath, Look around, it's
amazing
I just can't believe that it's real
Students galore
New ideas to explore
Can't contain the excitement I
feel!
Can't mess up, can't afford a
mistake now
Think success! Keep it firmly in
sight
Make sure to do things by the book
now
Make sure we do it all right!

Passage of time (Days marked on a calendar? Different types of weather? Rise and fall of sun/moon?). We see the school, students and teachers over several weeks of class. The Mane 5 try to do things like teachers but keep falling back on their old ways/natural tendencies.

88 STUDENTS/CHORUS
The School of Friendship!
Must get to Class!
Will we fail or will we pass?
Students learning from the best!
Take the notes to pass the test!

Twilight watches Rainbow Dash teach her class. She has them running around, playing games, doing trust falls, competing. Definitely more fun and less classroom. Twilight doesn't like what she is seeing.

89 TWILIGHT
Wait hold on! Not like that, just a
second.
I'm not sure if that methods
approved.

(MORE)

TWILIGHT (CONT'D)

Let me take a look.

Yup! right here in the book--

90 RAINBOW DASH

Come on! We just got in a groove!

But Twilight is already gone to check on the others. She keeps popping up in their classes, EEA book in hand, correcting their behavior.

91 TWILIGHT

*Can't mess up, can't afford a
mistake now*

*We're shaping young minds to
ignite!!*

Do it like it says in the book now

*Make sure that you're doing it
right!!*

The ponies TRY to teach the "right way," but lecturing to students doesn't come naturally. Their frustration is clear.

92 PINKIE PIE

*There's not an equation on how to
have fun!*

93 FLUTTERSHY

*The students look bored now, Oh
what have I done!*

94 APPLEJACK

*You can't teach bein' honest, not
sure what to do!*

95 RARITY

I'm quite certain I'm lost here...

96 RAINBOW DASH

NONE OF US HAS A CLUE!

The students clearly aren't responding to this more structured way of teaching.

97 STUDENTS/CHORUS

The School of Friendship!

Another Class.

Wish it were more of a blast.

*Thought this school would be more
fun.*

Can't wait for classes to be done.

As music all builds we go into a montage of Twilight enforcing "the rules", the other ponies trying (and failing) to follow those rules, the students being bored and Starlight seeing that this is obviously not working.

98 TWILIGHT
*Can't mess up, can't afford a
mistake now*

99 PINKIE PIE
(No way to have fun!)

100 STUDENTS/CHORUS
The School of Friendship

101 TWILIGHT
*Think success! Keep it firmly in
sight.*

102 FLUTTERSHY
(Oh what have I done!)

103 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Bored with this class.

104 TWILIGHT
*Make sure to do things by the book
now.*

105 APPLEJACK
(Not sure what to do!)

106 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Wish that we could leave en masse!

107 TWILIGHT
Make sure we do it right.

108 RARITY
(We don't have a clue!)

109 STUDENTS/CHORUS
Please listen to this one request.

110 TWILIGHT
Make sure we do it right!

111 RAINBOW DASH
(We Don't have a clue!)

112 STUDENTS/CHORUS
*Make things more fun we're really
stressed.*

113 TWILIGHT
*We have to make sure that we do it
all right!*

114 OTHER PONIES
*(Can someone tell Twilight we don't
have a clue??)*

MUSIC OUT as we... CUT TO:

SC.8 INT. PINKIE PIE'S CLASSROOM - LATER

Gallus snores at his desk. Sandbar, Smolder, Ocellus, Yona, Silverstream and assorted other ponies desperately try not to pass out as the teacher drones on in the most boring voice ever (think Ben Stein in FERRIS BUELLER).

115 PINKIE PIE (O.S.)
So the correct formula for a joke
is... anypony? Anypony? The set-up
followed by the... anypony?
Anypony?

Reveal Pinkie. She's about to fall asleep herself.

116 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
...by the... punch line. As you can
see here in diagram 37B.

Silverstream passes out and smacks her head on the desk. The bell rings. Pinkie drones on in the same monotonous voice.

117 PINKIE PIE (CONT'D)
Please read tonight's assignment:
Proper balloon inflation methods.
And don't forget, Friends and
Family Day is tomorrow. Yaaay.

SC.9 EXT. SCHOOL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

The students all yawn as they walk down the corridor. Smolder complains to Gallus.

118 SMOLDER
Please. THESE ponies are the heroes
of Equestria?

119 SANDBAR
"These ponies" saved all of us from
The Storm King.

120 GALLUS
How? By boring him into surrender?

121 OCELLUS
Our teachers are a little different
than I expected...

122 YONA
Pony school waste of time!! YAK
school teach how to braid Yak hair!
BRAIDING YAK HAIR IS BEST!

123 SMOLDER
Is there anything in Yakyakistan
that isn't the best?

124 YONA
Yes. Wait. No. Yaks best.

Smolder examines Yona, unimpressed--

125 SMOLDER
No claws, no wings, no fire. What
is it exactly you're proud of?

126 SANDBAR
Cool it. No need to harsh Yona's
love for her heritage.

127 GALLUS
Awwww. Are we not being sweet and
friendly enough for you, pony?

128 SILVERSTREAM
(genuinely excited)
That was sarcasm right? Because you
weren't being sweet OR nice?

Everyone ignores Silverstream.

129 SMOLDER
Maybe dragons and griffons are just
too tough for friendship.

Smolder and Gallus go to claw bump...Until Yona pushes in--

130 YONA
Yaks tough. Just not nasty.

131 GALLUS
Who you calling nasty, klutz?

A fight is about to break out until a lasso pulls Gallus in
one direction while Yona levitates and moves in the other
direction. Rainbow Dash swoops between the students.

132 RAINBOW DASH
Break it up now! BREAK. IT. UP!

133 STARLIGHT
What is going on here?

134 GALLUS
Just a friendly discussion about
the magic of friendship amongst
friends.

135 APPLEJACK
Everypony--I mean--everyONE--go to
your next class!

The creatures all walk off.

136 APPLEJACK (CONT'D)
I just can't believe it. Fights
breaking out when they're supposed
to be learnin' friendship?

137 STARLIGHT
(sighs)
Things definitely aren't going as
"by the book" as Twilight planned.

138 RAINBOW DASH
That's because we're terrible
teachers! Face it. This school
isn't gonna work.

As the ponies watch the barely-concealed animosity among the
departing students we...

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

SC.10 INT. TWILIGHT'S OFFICE - THE NEXT MORNING

The ponies and Spike are gathered in Twilight's office.
Everypony is talking at the same time.

138A APPLEJACK
...Fights breaking out in the
hallways!

138B RAINBOW DASH
... students put this on my
tail!
(re: a caricature)
I don't look like that! Do I?

138C RARITY
... just not quite coming
together...

138D PINKIE PIE
...I'm so boring I'm putting
myself to sleep!

Pinkie immediately nods off. Twilight takes control (Pinkie jolts awake).

139 TWILIGHT
I get it. Things are getting off to a rougher start than we expected. But that's okay!

Spike grabs Twilight's face in both hands. Peers at it.

140 SPIKE
Who are you and what have you done with Twilight Sparkle?

Twilight levitates him off and puts a hoof on the EEA tome.

141 TWILIGHT
Every school in Equestria follows these rules. As long as we do too, we'll be fine.

142 STARLIGHT
Maybe we should... shake things up a little? Try something new?

143 TWILIGHT
The EEA will be here this afternoon for Friends and Family Day. They need to see a school that follows their guidelines.

144 FLUTTERSHY
(soft, genuine question)
Even if those guidelines aren't working?

145 TWILIGHT
(slightly annoyed)
Well, then we have to try harder and make sure they do.

Awkward silence. The bell rings.

146 TWILIGHT (CONT'D)
(forced optimism)
Another morning, another chance to inspire our students. See you after class for Friends and Family Day!

The ponies aren't thrilled but they all file out to class.

SC.11 INT. SCHOOL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Students also head to class. Gallus and Smolder pass Sandbar and Silverstream going in the opposite direction.

147 SANDBAR
Hey! Professor Dash's class is this way.

Gallus and Smolder keep walking. Ocellus and Yona stop them.

148 OCELLUS
Where are you going? You're not <gasp> ...Skipping, are you?!

149 SMOLDER
That's exactly what we're doing.

150 SILVERSTREAM
But Friends and Family Day...

151 GALLUS
Is AFTER class. Relax! This is just a quick... Mental health break.

Silverstream, Ocellus and Yona whisper to each other.

152 SILVERSTREAM
OK... That sounds legit. We're in.

Sandbar looks conflicted. Then.

153 SANDBAR
I guess I'll tag along too. Make sure you don't get into trouble.

Gallus and Sandbar grin. The six students head down a corridor but stop when they hear Fluttershy.

154 FLUTTERSHY (O.S.)
This way, Angel.

155 SILVERSTREAM
(freaking out)
Professor Fluttershy! We're busted!

Ocellus thinks fast and turns into Rarity. Fluttershy and Angel turn the corner and run into them.

156 FLUTTERSHY
Oh my! What are you all doing?
Aren't classes that way?

Ocellus/Rarity addresses Fluttershy in an over the top but oddly accurate Rarity voice.

157 OCELLUS/RARITY
A generosity field trip, dahhhling.
I'm taking the students to the
lake... To look at our divine
reflections.

The others students stare at Ocellus slack-jawed, then turn to Fluttershy.

158 FLUTTERSHY
Oh. That sounds nice. Have fun!

Fluttershy walks off as Angel stares at the students suspiciously. Once Fluttershy is gone, Ocellus reverts back to a changeling. The students all hurry down the corridor.

159 SMOLDER
I take back everything I said about
you. That was cool.

160 OCELLUS
Thanks! Wait...What did you say
about me?

SC.12 INT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight and Starlight walk together.

161 STARLIGHT
You're sure sticking to the book
is going to work?

162 TWILIGHT
My friends can handle anything.
They'll have these problems turned
around before we know it.

163 NEIGHSAY (O.S.)
Problems?

Twilight and Starlight turn to see Chancellor Neighsay trotting over, a parchment and quill by his side. Twilight gives a nervous laugh, covers:

164 TWILIGHT
Chancellor Neighsay! You're here!

165 NEIGHSAY
Yes. And you seem unprepared. If
there are problems...

Twilight and Starlight share a panicked look.

166 TWILIGHT
Problems?! Of course not! We can't
wait to show you around.

Neighsay arches an eyebrow and makes a note on his parchment.
Twilight smiles nervously.

SC.13 EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

The students relax by the lakeside.

167 GALLUS
...And that's why griffons breathe
fire when we get mad.

168 SILVERSTREAM
They do NOT! Wait do they? No.
Really?

169 YONA
YAKS know griffons no breathe fire.
Griffons just full of hot air.

They all <LAUGH>. Even Gallus gives a snort.

170 SMOLDER
And yaks are actually good at
jokes. How about that?

171 YONA
What dragons good at?

Smolder spreads her wings and leaps into the air.

172 SMOLDER
Competition. Who's up for a race?

The students all grin. It's ON.

SC.14 INT. OUTSIDE RAINBOW DASH'S CLASSROOM - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Starlight and Neighsay walk down the hall as
Rainbow Dash comes flying around the other corner. She stops
when she sees the other ponies. Neighsay makes another note.

173 TWILIGHT
Rainbow Dash! Why aren't you in
class teaching?

174 RAINBOW DASH
Because my students are gone--

Starlight makes faces and nods towards Neighsay. Rainbow Dash gets it. Making it up as she goes:

175 RAINBOW DASH (CONT'D)
Uhhhh...Gone... Somewhere else!
Doing a loyalty lesson. And I was
just going to grab...This pencil!
Because they need it. Wherever they
are. Which I know. 'Cuz I'm the
teacher.

Twilight's eye twitches. Stress is setting in.

176 TWILIGHT
I see. Well, Chancellor, we have
other classes. We can just...

177 NEIGHSAY
(not buying any of this)
Let's follow the professor. I'm
quite curious about this "lesson in
loyalty."

Busted - Rainbow Dash turns and flies slowly down the hall.
To distract Neighsay, Twilight vamps.

178 TWILIGHT
Our goal is to inspire our students
to follow all the elements of
harmony, the keys to friendship...

SC.15 INT/EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS/SCHOOL CORRIDORS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight continues to speak in V.O. as we watch the students racing. They're having fun at school for the first time ever.

Sandbar and Yona race along the lake as the fliers all race in the sky. Yona trips and is about to fall, but Sandbar jumps over and helps her regain her balance.

179 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
Of course, we want to instill a
sense of loyalty towards others...

Silverstream whispers to Gallus and Smolder. They all swoop down towards Sandbar and Yona.

180 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
We encourage acts of generosity and
kindness.

Gallus lifts Sandbar into the air. Smolder and Silverstream have a tougher time but manage to lift Yona as well.

181 GALLUS
Figured we shouldn't be the only
ones enjoying the view.

Yona covers her eyes.

182 YONA
YAKS NOT BEST AT FLYING!!!!

183 TWILIGHT (V.O.)
An appreciation for the value of
laughter...

They all laugh as Yona and Sandbar soar into the air.

184 SILVERSTREAM
Congratulations, Yona! You are
officially the weirdest thing I've
seen so far!!

Smolder grins.

185 SMOLDER
What do you say Ocellus? Can you be
weirder than a flying yak?

Ocellus grins and transforms into something big. We don't see it, but the other students do and they're impressed.

SC.16 INT. EMPTY CLASSROOMS - CONTINUOUS

Twilight, Starlight and Neighsay continue to follow Rainbow Dash who aimlessly wanders the corridors.

186 TWILIGHT
... and to always be honest in any
situation.

187 NEIGHSAY
(suspicious)
Honesty is imperative. Princess,
are we going in circles?

Twilight is really stressing out now.

188 TWILIGHT
Uh...Look at the time! We'd better
head to the lake for Friends and
Family Day! I'm sure all the
students and faculty will be there!

Starlight and Rainbow Dash share worried looks. Twilight is barely keeping it together.

SC.17 EXT. SCHOOL GROUNDS - CONTINUOUS

Spike escorts several ponies, as well as Grandpa Gruff, Ember, Thorax, Seaspray, and Prince Rutherford over the bridge from Twilight's castle.

Just over the bridge, Applejack, Rarity, Fluttershy and Pinkie Pie, along with several pony students, gather under a giant Friends and Family Day sign. A table filled with food sits behind them. Ember turns to Spike.

189 EMBER
What is that?

Ember points. Spike and the delegates look up to see Gallus holding Sandbar and Silverstream and Smolder holding Yona all being chased by a hideous winged monster.

Everyone on the bridge <SCREAMS!>. Applejack, Fluttershy, Rarity and Pinkie look up with alarm and gather the students.

Twilight, Starlight, Rainbow Dash and Neighsay approach from the school, seeing the panic.

Neighsay looks up and sees the monster. Battle mode!

190 NEIGHSAY
THE SCHOOL IS UNDER ATTACK!!!!

The <PANICKING> crowd startles the airborne students, causing a destructive sequence of events. Gallus drops Sandbar, who soars into the delegates, knocking them over. Smolder, Silverstream and Yona crash into the table of food, launching it all over everypony assembled.

191 OCELLUS/MONSTER
Oh my goodness!

Ocellus sees this, and forgetting how big she is, tries to change course, <CRASHING> into a nearby tower. It <FALLS!>

Ponies, griffons, yaks, hippogriffs, dragons and changelings are all covered in food, dust and debris.

Twilight looks at Gallus, Sandbar, Silverstream, Smolder, Yona and Ocellus.

192 SILVERSTREAM
Uh. Maybe skipping class wasn't the best idea?

Neighsay is furious.

193 NEIGHSAY
How DARE you! This act of
aggression against ponies--

194 TWILIGHT
I'm so sorry, Chancellor. We
clearly had some students get a
little carried away.

195 NEIGHSAY
THOSE are students?! But... you
said you were opening this school
to protect Equestria! To defend
ponies from...
(focuses on changelings)
Dangerous creatures that don't have
ponies' best interests at heart.

196 TWILIGHT
My school teaches for all of us to
work together through friendship.

197 NEIGHSAY
And how do you know these creatures
won't take what they've learned
here and use it against us?

198 TWILIGHT
Friendship isn't just for ponies.

199 NEIGHSAY
Perhaps it should be!

This enrages Prince Rutherford.

200 PRINCE RUTHERFORD
Unicorn think yaks no need
friendship!? Maybe yaks no need
pony school!!

201 NEIGHSAY
Well, then perhaps you should
return to your kind.

The other creatures look at each other, disgusted/shocked.

202 EMBER
"Your kind?" Smolder? Let's go.

203 SEASPRAY
Queen Novo will want to hear of
this.

204 GRANDPA GRUFF
This place seemed lame anyways.

Yona, Smolder, Silverstream and Gallus glumly join the delegates. Thorax approaches Twilight with Ocellus.

205 THORAX
It's fine. We know not everypony sees us the way you do. We're used to it.

As the students disperse, the Mane 5, Starlight and Spike watch Twilight with concern. She confronts Neighsay.

206 TWILIGHT
(angry)
Princess Celestia helped me reach out to all the kingdoms. When she hears you closed the school because-

207 NEIGHSAY
--Because you failed to meet the EEA's standards?

208 TWILIGHT
(stunned)
What?

209 NEIGHSAY
Irresponsible Teachers? Students skipping class? Endangering ponies? Your school is a disaster.
(then)
Perhaps if your school had higher standards for who was admitted this could have been avoided. Regardless-

Neighsay powers up his horn and casts a spell on the school, creating a magical barrier around it and affixing a seal on the main doors, binding them closed.

210 NEIGHSAY (CONT'D)
By order of the EEA, this school is hereby UNACCREDITED.

Off Twilight's lost completely destroyed expression, we...

END PART ONE