

Zoning Meeting Speech

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Good evening, my name is Alexis Johnson. My experience at School Without Walls S.H.S started in the school year 2004-2005. I was a sophomore, who was ready to learn at the best high school in the district. This school was visibly smaller than my junior high school. I noticed how the small lobby area contained the new and old students. I was very excited to be apart of this family. I received a tour, which included the restrooms. There are two restrooms, the one for boys and the one for girls. I noticed the paintings in the girl's restroom, which resembles a rainforest. I first noticed the crumbling structure in the girl's restroom. While I was in the restroom, paint chips fell from the ceiling unto my clothing. I thought it was disgusting, because the chips had a weird and unusual smell. This is a huge health hazard. It is unhealthy for the students. The paint incident opened my eyes to a problem that my school faced. The paint incident was one of many experiences for me. Another experience was on a rainy day, which contributed to my bad mood. When I entered the school I decided to go into the restroom to dry off; I was met by water drops falling on my head. I have also notice the holes in the ceilings and walls. There are graded papers on the wall next to pilling paint. These experiences are disappointing, because the students at School Without Walls should not be subjects to these conditions.

I love this school, because it offers great opportunities. I am now a senior and I will miss the school. I bet you are wondering, why I care if the school is renovated or not? I thought about that when I first learned about the plans, and I do care. I care because there are other students who care about their education and deserve the same opportunities that I have received at School

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Without Walls. I was able to take a peak into my future field of law at an internship. I am able to earn college credits at great universities, such as George Washington and Southeastern. I am also able to travel outside of school for lunch and classes. These opportunities will continue to thrive, if the conditions at the school were better.

I am hurt that people feel that students do not deserve a safe and healthy environment, in which to broaden their minds. These conditions are not safe or healthy. The renovation of the building will motivate students to learn. The building will have a new science lab, which will allow students to explore experiments and new scientific theories. The new building will welcome more students and diverse cultures, which will allow students to learn about different culture, religions, and activities from other students. I have always appreciated the cultural based education that I receive from other students. I want this new building for the next generation of School Without Walls students, because this school sets a firm foundation for student's educational, social, and cultural values. Thank You!