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As you probably know, our building was built in the 1870's, so now it is clearly a time for change. Our building is falling in on top of us, unhealthy to be in, a fire hazard, and is thus an inhospitable learning environment. We are surrounded by water leaks, asbestos and crumbling walls, all of which contribute to our deteriorating educational experience. This not only hurts us, but the community as a whole.

The dilapidated building is an eyesore on this beautiful community. The building, in its current condition, is obviously affecting the neighborhood and the environment. Storm water runoff flows into the combined sewage system on G St, and the school's storm drains are clogged with debris. In addition to the drainage problems, the space behind the school is being used inefficiently. Most of the problems posed to the school, ~~you~~ and the community at large can be solved by a new building.

A new building will not only benefit our school, but the community as a whole. A structurally sound building will be an environment more conducive to learning and will provide elementary necessities such as air conditioning and heat. Currently, School Without Walls is in no condition to host the number<sup>f</sup> enrolled students as we all are directly affected by the toxic fungus on the walls, and deteriorating ceilings. This new building will help students educationally and let students in a public high school thrive. By constructing a stable and clean learning environment, you are supporting the posterity and helping to create a better world for us all.

With the current Walls renovation plan, all parties will have their needs met. The compromise will provide an improved educational environment for SWW students and update and repair the environmentally hazardous eyesore that is the Grant school building, restoring a historic Foggy Bottom structure. It will also provide housing for GW students in a currently unused space. With increased community access to its improved facilities, a renovated School Without Walls building has the potential to foster a greater sense of partnership between the Foggy Bottom community and school organizations. In conclusion, this plan must be carried out with great expedience for the benefit of all parties. Thank you.

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