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Proposal For the Renovation of the School Without Walls Building

Good evening. My name is Marcus Dean. I live on 2016 Newton ST. N.E.

School Without Walls has always been a culturally diverse school and it is known for its academic excellence. Because of its reputation, many students across the District of Columbia depend on School Without Walls to be their next step in receiving a higher education. Although the education being taught is sufficient, the educational environment is not suitable for the students. There are various health hazards and dangerous opportunities that can affect the students as well as the school staff. These issues are caused because of the old age of the school but they can easily be resolved with the renovation of the building.

Since the building is old, the walls contain mold and asbestos. This matter is a serious health hazard. Students and teachers are breathing in dangerous fumes from the walls over 5 hours each day. This issue can lead to serious respiratory problems in the future.

School Without Walls is practically falling apart and it needs to be restored before any students get seriously injured. Many rooms contain cracks and holes in the ceiling that create many problems. Last year, in my physics class, a piece from the ceiling fell and almost hit a student on top of the head. The holes in the ceiling allow water to come into the building when it rains. So, when it rains bags must be used in order to protect facilities and equipment such as the library and the school's computers. In the P.E. classroom, I can literally see the huge crack in the middle of the ceiling dividing the room

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in half. Also, when there is a lot movement in the classroom directly above, the crack looks as if it is trying to open. When I sit alone in the basement class, I can literally hear the rumbling and crackling sounds from within the walls as if the room is about to collapse. Within the same classroom, I had to help my teacher move bookshelves just so they could cover the huge holes caused by termites so that the room could look presentable and also to prevent students from stumbling because of them.

School Without Walls has always been important to me because it provides me with a great education and new experiences. It also allows me to complete my goals and it prepares me well for college. I experience many different cultures through the diversity of School Without Walls. These are few of many reasons why it is definite that other students across the District will continue to come to our school and it is imperative that School Without Walls must be renovated.