

# COMMUNITY SUPPORT LETTER TO MODERNIZE ORR ELEMENTARY

Spring/Summer 2014

Dear Friends of Orr Elementary,

Benjamin Orr Elementary School (Ward 8) was built 40 years ago and is in desperate need of renovation. Some classrooms have parts of the ceiling coming down, the playground is incredibly dangerous, and the school gets very little natural light because none of the windows face the street. Not only is the building in poor condition, but it is also not structured for learning—having been built in the 1970's, Orr has a completely open floor plan, which means there are no walls between classrooms.

Other schools are being modernized immediately; meanwhile, Orr has been promised modernization for the past eight years. Orr's enrollment continues to go up, while the school keeps crumbling down. We demand that Orr Elementary School be fully modernized in 2014.

## 5 REASONS TO MODERNIZE ORR ES

- ❖ Orr has been promised for modernization for eight (8) years
- ❖ The building is unsafe and unhealthy (old carpet, concrete playground, falling plaster, no electrical heating, etc.)
- ❖ MPD called our open-wall floor plan a security risk
- ❖ Our friendly neighbors like you will lose business if families send their children to other schools
- ❖ *Students, teachers, families, and the community love Orr, and we deserve a high-quality learning environment*

**We depend on each other as a community. Please sign this letter to show your support for Benjamin Orr Elementary School to be fully modernized.**

**Name**

**Business/Organization/Ward**

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\* Please return signed letters to the Parent Center at Orr Elementary \*

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