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**Subject:** Support for the Tobin Renovations

To Whom it May Concern,

I want to register my **support for the renovations of the Tobin school**. I have heard tremendously positive things about the Tobin Montessori program, and was elated when we found out that my son is high on the waitlist and may be able to attend the three-year-old program.

However, when I went to visit the school, I was appalled at the state of the building. I did not expect the building to be on the list of concerns I might have about my son's education, but it was the only concern I had. The building seems unsafe, and a very poor learning and working environment. I was shocked to find myself wondering if it is a good idea to send my son to this free, highly regarded program.

I was relieved to learn that the building will be renovated. I understand that there are concerns about how to manage the impact on the surrounding area, but I trust that these concerns can be addressed. This building must be renovated in the very near future, and delays mean prolonging the period of time students and faculty are spending in an unlivable environment. We have to prioritize the impact on the children.

Naomi