

**WE DEMAND HEALTHY AND SAFE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS FOR OUR YOUTH, TEACHERS AND ALL WORKERS.
RESTORE IMMEDIATELY THE GOVERNMENT FUNDED HEALTH STUDIES OF OUR SCHOOLS THAT THE
PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BLOCKED!**

To: Mayor Nutter, City Council Representatives, and SRC Members

Dangerous, unhealthy & unsafe conditions exist within the schools in Philadelphia. These conditions pose real health risks to our children & to adult staff responsible for educating and protecting our children. Serious hazards include asbestos, mold, lead, persistent moisture & dampness, problems with ventilation, rodent & insect infestations, rooms too hot or too cold to use, & leaks from roofs, walls & air conditioning systems **and these problems are largely preventable using cost effective and practical solutions.**

We know that the Philadelphia School District (PSD) needs more money so:

- WHY WOULD THEY REFUSE ENTRY TO THE US CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL [CDC] (NATL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, NIOSH) to conduct a government funded health hazard evaluation [HHE] to better evaluate the hazards & to develop a cost effective plan to fix these problems?;
- WHY WOULD THE PSD ALSO STOP A MAJOR FUNDED HEALTH STUDY OF 50 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO EVALUATE INDOOR AIR QUALITY ISSUES - conditions affecting not only the health of our children but also their ability to learn?;
- Why has the PSD Management refused to work in cooperation and collaboration with the unions, the teachers, the maintenance workers, the parents & others in a transparent, open and honest manner; &
- Why has the PSD refused to provide the public, school stakeholders, occupants, unions and the press with requested documents & information about the conditions in our schools & about what will be done to fix them & when

WE DEMAND that the Philadelphia School District's position on the health studies/evaluations IMMEDIATELY BE REVERSED & that the CDC/NIOSH Indoor Air Quality study of our elementary schools and the Health Hazard Evaluation [HHE] begins at once! We also demand that the PSD immediately collaborate & cooperate with unions and other stakeholders, to evaluate and address Health and Safety problems and that information, reports & documents be shared openly and completely.

| NAME | ADDRESS | EMAIL | DATE |
|------|---------|-------|------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

RETURN SIGNED PETITIONS BY 9/8/14 TO: PHILAPOSH, 3001 WALNUT ST, 5TH FL, PHILA 19104 (215) 386-7000