



October 20, 2021

Dear Carver STEAM scholars and families,

As you may know, the Atlanta Board of Education is in the beginning stages of deciding where to invest \$650.8M intended for improvements at various schools. But Carver STEAM Academy – one of the oldest schools in Atlanta - didn't make the initial first draft list of intended recipients.

Two of our Carver scholars attended the Oct. 5 school board meeting and shared a powerful, well-constructed argument for the Carver facility to be considered for improvements. And we couldn't be prouder of them.

We are thrilled our students' proactive and professional approach is leading positive change. Immediately following the school board meeting, APS sent out a facilities/maintenance person to inspect the areas identified by students as potential mold. **It was confirmed to be mold, and APS quickly remediated the area to remove all mold and ensure the facility is safe for our students.**

The day after the school board meeting, approximately 20 representatives from APS Facilities and the Office of Equity and Social Justice toured the gym and other facilities. This group was primarily looking at the facilities from the standpoint of whether APS would change its recommendations in the SPLOST for capital improvements. We are working closely with APS to facilitate whatever they need for their decision, however it is up to APS to make any recommendations; Purpose Built Schools Atlanta does not play a role in the final outcome.

We wanted to keep you all posted and share that we are so pleased our students had the courage and confidence to bring this issue to light and encourage our school board leaders to "lean into this moment with equitable eyes." It is a testament to our work at Purpose Built Schools Atlanta to build change agents who will have a positive and long-lasting impact in their communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Giornelli".

Mr. Greg Giornelli
President & CEO

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Dr. Nikkita Warfield
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