

# KEEP IT CLEAN, NO MORE TRUANCY

Youth deserve safe and hygienic learning environments. Fund and oversee the repairs and routine maintenance of schools for our Black students.



Black and Brown youth in DC are more likely to be subjected to poor school conditions, yet, they remain last in line to receive updates and modernization.

Even for schools that are receiving these modernizations, DGS is not managing the upkeep in a way that will allow these modernization efforts to last. Youth express a desire for a safe and comfortable learning environment for them to be at their best academically &, at a minimum, that requires schools that are clean and fixed.

The level of cleanliness and hygiene in schools sends a message to students that their comfort and safety is not being prioritized. A dirty, neglected environment can cause stress levels to increase, and therefore negatively impact concentration and educational success.

Access to personal hygiene products continues to be an unmet need for students. Young people named that some schools have transitioned to having vending machines with tampons and pads in them, however they are not free. Instead students have to pay 50-75 cents to access these products. These products in addition to other hygiene products should be available, as needed, to all students.



## DID YOU KNOW?!

- The majority of Department of General Services open work orders for DCPS are in Wards 4, 5, 7 & 8, where many schools have high populations of students of color and less affluent students.
- It takes the Department of General Services on average 55 days to complete work orders. Over 60% of high-priority work orders – which are issues that present a potential health or safety risk – are not completed within the mandatory 10 days.
- Most of the current open work order requests for DCPS buildings involve interior services, including locks and doors, HVAC services, and plumbing.

## DEMANDS



- More funding and training for Deep cleaning
- More funding for and timely Repairs in schools
- Expand funding to better support young people with emergency needs like cleaning products, toiletries, food, or clothes.
- Personal hygiene vending machines at community schools
- Clear water in fountains/ water bottle fillers