

TESTIMONY OF JULIA HALLAM
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Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the DC Council, it is a pleasure to appear before you today to discuss things in our school that could be better.

My name is Julia Hallam and I live in Ward 6. I am a 3rd Grader in Ms. Lowery's class at Capitol Hill Montessori @ Logan.

Our goal is to have 5,000 books in the Library. We need these books because when students come and ask for a library book, the librarian will have the books they need. Our students are interested in different books on subjects like animals, world history, civil rights, ancient civilizations, science, and human evolution. I know this because I interviewed the librarian and my classmates on what is their favorite thing they like to read and learn more about.

We also need more funds allotted in order to fix fountains located in our school. There is lead in the water and we could get sick from the water that comes out of these fountains.

I like my school because it is Montessori. If it were not Montessori, we would watch our teacher while they instruct. In my school, the focus is on the lessons that we have the responsibility to choose and to practice each lesson. While at other schools, the focus is on the teacher and the kids do what the teacher chooses for them.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today. I hope you will allot funds to my school so that the students have a better school building. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.