

When Crumbling School Infrastructure Sends You Running for Cover

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An excellent school infrastructure with comfortable spaces are sustainable environment for students to study and grow. It also increases student attendance and enthusiasm for learning. In light of it, this magazine hopes to explain how poorly kept buildings have a negative impact on both student and teacher performance and health. Because local schools must fund their own building maintenance and upgrades, schools with financial difficulties lack the resources to keep facilities in adequate condition, let alone modernize them. At the end of the magazine, an ideal solution will be proposed that can address the current infrastructural issues.

The tales of walls

For far too long, our educational system has been chronically underfunded. As a result, many educators and students work in hostile or even dangerous circumstances. These are the smallest of problems, from rotting ceilings to the entire infrastructure. Let's look at an array of problems that ABC school is facing at the moment.

- *More than 50 years old:*

Some schools in open areas are prone to heat waves, leaving students to sit in hot classrooms like one big sauna. In other places, a leaky roof results in buckets in the corridors and classrooms and fungi chilling on ceiling tiles, which is a threat to students, teachers, non

teaching staff's health, particularly those who have respiratory problems. Old pipes that contain lead, other hazardous things that seem to be less evident but no less hazardous.

- *Children are exposed to threats at anytime:*

Life is difficult, especially when we are skating on thin ice. These rickety buildings can endanger the students' safety at any time. Imagine what happens if an earthquake strikes this old school, Hot is to heat waves as wet is to floods. When the walls can no longer support the wires, window glass is broken, or the bathrooms are just full of germs rather than being sanitary. As a result, the infrastructure of the school impedes learning, making it more difficult to achieve the level of academic results that are possible in a safe and well kept building.

- *Force teachers out of the profession*

Teaching is a thankless profession. However, evidence suggests that teachers in adequate infrastructure schools have 10% lower absenteeism than teachers in inadequate infrastructure schools. It is also a fact that, when it comes to salaries or infrastructure, the latter appears to be the most unsettling factor.

- *Hesitation of parents*

The primary consideration when choosing a school is the infrastructure. In this regard, parents are ingrained to always want the best for their children.. Hence, the benefits of a beautiful school building go far beyond the impact on the children. Consider parents who are comparatively less educated seeing their kids in excellent school facilities, having access to engaging learning materials, and, in some situations, learning more than the parents do.

Ideal solution

Even though our school has procedures for recognising their most outstanding alumni and has robust alumni networks and initiatives, they don't always make these resources widely known.

Consider IvyCamp, a technology-based platform that taps into the global alumni network. It collaborates with universities and alumni to connect entrepreneurs with experts, investors, corporations, and other entrepreneurs. This is based on the assumption that if you attend the same university as your investor, you will have an easier time getting a foot in the door.

This would be an excellent time to reap the benefits of an active alumni association. Several benefits of having an alumni association in terms of crumbling infrastructure have been highlighted below.

- *Network for resources*
- *Capital aid for the school*
- *Banking services*
- *Recreational services*
- *Volunteer opportunities*
- *Mentorship*
- *Aids ratings for schools*

In summary

Numerous research claims suggest that inadequate building facilities and the resulting bad perception of the social atmosphere at the school were responsible for 70% of the poor academic achievement.

“So you can understand why kids might think a school that does not looking good inside or outside is giving them a message that perhaps what happens in their school does not matter,” said Maxwell.

Expecting students' well-being to develop in a state of hunky dory is a long shot while the school is running on fumes in terms of finances.

Thus, as graduates of the class of 2021, we would be honoured to welcome parents to the auditorium of the ABC school to celebrate the alumni group that has taken over the running of the failing school and to diligently work on the following agenda. On that day, donations will be taken for the school's alumni organisation.

- Schools that are well-built and resistant to natural disasters

- Access to and provision of basic services such as water, sanitation, waste disposal, electricity, and communications
- Good indoor environmental quality, particularly in terms of air quality and dampness
- Opportunities for outside play
- Schools that are kept in good physical condition
- Regulations and standards that are effectively enforced on the ground