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Dear City Council, Please sell the land. Sincerely, The Forgotten Children of Winston-Salem Forsyth County

#ACTION4ASHLEY

BAD AIR QUALITY | INNOCENT CHILDREN

Join Action4Equity, The Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP, The Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities, & the HeArt Studio at the Center for Design Innovation for the private screening about the movement that propelled the fight for equity in education. Seating is limited. A panel discussion moderated by #Action4Equity will follow.

To learn more visit: www.Action4EquityWS.org.

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Action4Ashley is a coalition of concerned citizens and advocacy organizations seeking justice for the students, teachers, and staff of Ashley Elementary School.

WHY are we fighting for Ashley?

For years, staff and students at Ashley Academy experienced illness and symptoms associated with mold exposure and indoor air quality problems due to the school's poor facility conditions. In August 2017, a group of teachers complained to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School (WSFCS) officials about the situation. After months of pressure by teachers, parents, and community members, WSFCS finally released a report in April 2018 that revealed evidence of "extensive visible mold growth" in the school.

Effects of Mold and Poor Air Quality on Students:

- Headaches, fatigue, and irritation of the eyes, nose, throat, and lungs
- Allergies, respiratory infections, and exacerbation of chronic asthma
- Diminished concentration, attendance, and academic performance

HOW are we fighting for Ashley?

After the 2018 report, WSFCS agreed to make some changes, but refused to consider a new building or major renovations to address the underlying issue. In response, the #Action4Ashley Coalition filed a discrimination complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The complaint, filed in August 2018, alleges that WSFCS violated federal anti-discrimination laws by failing to ensure that students at Ashley, who are almost all Black and Brown students, have the same access to safe and appropriate school buildings as White students in the district. In December 2018, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights opened a formal investigation into whether WSFCS discriminated against students at Ashley.

WHAT can you do to join our fight for Ashley?

- Get involved with Action4Equity, the parent organization of Action4Ashley.
- Tell the Winston-Salem City Council to vote YES on selling land to WSFCS so it can build a new Ashley.
- Tell the WSFCS Board of Education you support allocating the funds necessary to build a new Ashley NOW!

