


How These Schedule Changes Impact Students

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Good evening, members of the Board of Education,
Thank you for giving me the chance to speak tonight. I'm here
on behalf of my fellow students to talk about how important
art, music, libraries, computers, and Spanish classes are to us.
Instead of just listing all the benefits of these programs, I
want you to hear directly from the students. These programs
bring so much joy and inspiration into our lives and help us
grow in ways that go beyond just academics.
Cutting these programs would take away the things that make
school exciting and meaningful for many of us. So, please listen
to the stories of my peers and understand what these cuts
would really mean for us.

Art

My favorite special is art because of my passion is drawing. I like to draw people, and living things like plants.

My favorite class is art cause I get to hone my drawing skills I've seen some serious improvements in my drawings

Drawing can relax you.

I liked art because we got to create all these different types of portraits using different types of paints and colors.

Art

- Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work
- Organize and develop ideas and work
- Refine and complete artistic work
- Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation
- Convey meaning through the presentation
- Perceive and analyze artistic work
- Interpret intent and meaning
- Apply criteria to evaluate work
- Make art by synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences
- Deepen understanding by relating artistic ideas to societal, historical, and cultural contexts

<https://arteducationmasters.arts.ufl.edu/articles/importance-of-art-education/>



Computers

This class has been one of the most interesting and fun classes I've taken

We also learned a lot about iterative design and user testing.

Learning how to use computers will be beneficial in my future

Computers

- Learn to code and use it in their projects
- Work with teachers and peers to solve any issues they might face while coding
- Build physical models as part of the design process, and
- Participate in non-technological activities to introduce students to the basics of CS.

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/activate-your-future/computer-science-education#:~:text=Thinking%20With%20the%20Computer&text=Through%20CS%20education%2C%20students%20learn,use%20it%20in%20their%20projects>

Music



Music is relating
I get to learn the violin

I love to sing

I can sing at my school concerts

Music



Creativity
Better sat scores
Music can be relaxing
Kids can learn teamwork
Emotional development
Increased coordination
Confidence
Memory
Stress relief



Spanish

Amazing to learn a new language

You can add it on your college resume

A lot of jobs require you to be bilingual

There so many countries that you can visit and you can speak the language

Spanish

Fluent speakers benefit from improved problem-solving, memory, and critical thinking, boosting academic success and job prospects. Early fluency opens global opportunities, fostering an appreciation for diverse cultures.

<https://academyofscholars.com/nine-long-term-benefits-of-teaching-spanish-to-children/#:~:text=Teaching%20Spanish%20to%20children%20enhances,an%20appreciation%20for%20diverse%20cultures.>

<https://www.isdenver.org/newspost/~board/adcellerant-blog/post/5-reasons-your-children-will-benefit-from-learning-spanish#:~:text=Nourishing%20the%20curiosity%20of%20children,%2Dsolving%20abilities%2C%20and%20creativity.>

Library



Library Media is one of my favorite classes

I learned so many things in MackinVia and I love reading the nonfiction books and history

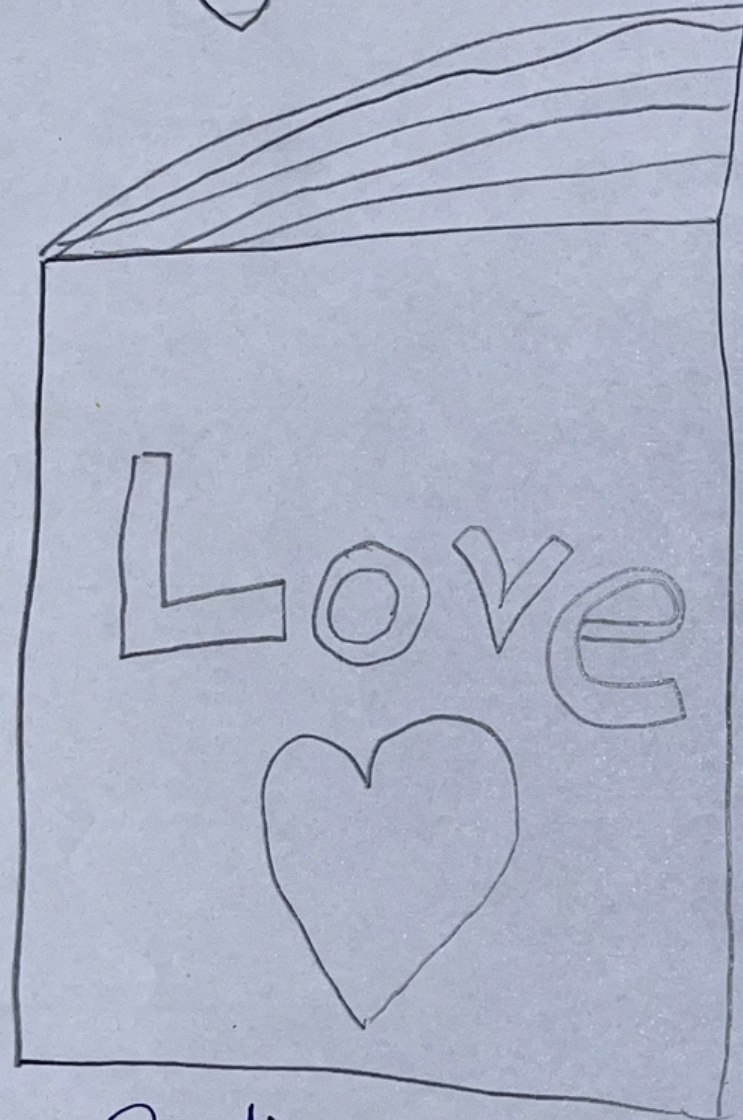
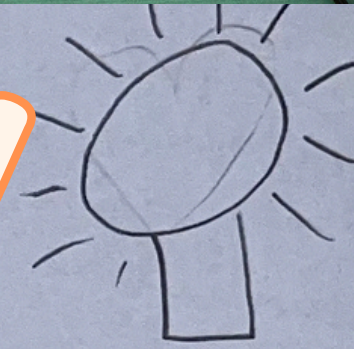
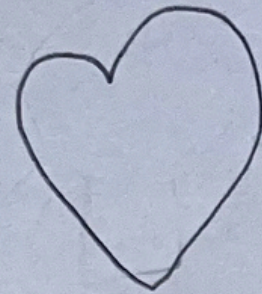
I learned how to code the bee bots and how to get information from books easier

I did not like when library lessons where canceled

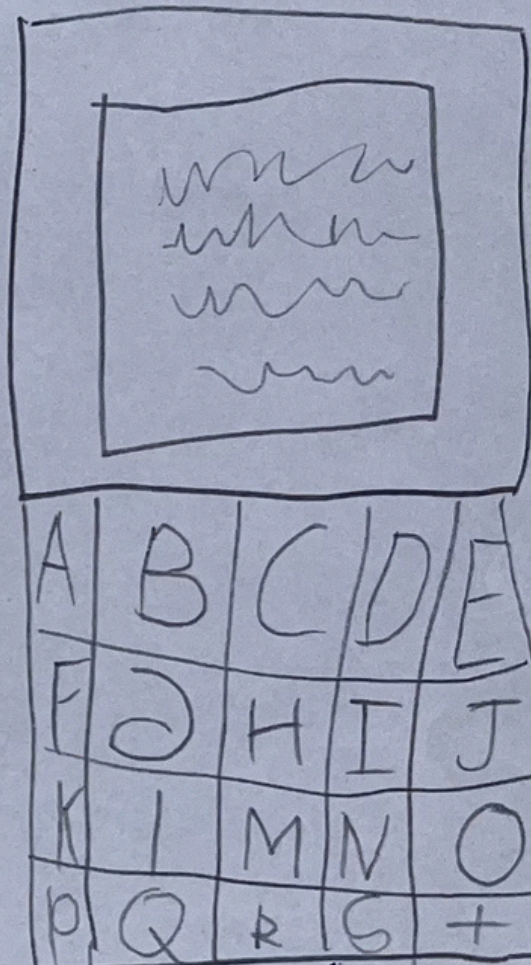
This cut is not only affecting the elementary students but also the high school students. Mrs. M made me feel valued, loved and gave me a safe space. She is like a mom to so many of us we don't want to be without her.

The library was my safe space.

Library



Reading



how to stay safe online

from Battle Hill Elementary
Kindergarten and 1st Grade



Conclusion

- **Student Voices Matter:** The programs at risk are vital to our education and personal growth.
- **Preserve the Joy of Learning:** Art, music, libraries, computers, and Spanish classes inspire and motivate us.
- **Our Request:** Please consider the impact on students and keep these programs in our schools.

Thank
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