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To: Mr. John DuGay, Principal of Madison Middle School  
Seattle School Board Members  
Madison Parent Teacher Association  
Mr. John Beers, Custodian

Regarding Schedule for Room Cleaning A-B-C or clean classrooms/offices once every three days.

Please think about the following:

If you had 150 guests into your home in one day, would you expect that you would not have to clean your home after they left?

Would you feel proud to have 150 guests into your uncleaned home the very next day?

Would you feel proud to have another 150 guests into your uncleaned home the very next day?

Would you feel proud to have 300 guests into your home while it was still dirty from the first 150 guests that were there? Please note that you would have 450 guests in your home before it would be cleaned.

My classroom is my home away from home for 7½ to 10 hours each day. Each day about 150 students come through the door expecting to learn the subject matter., With the A-B-C or clean once every three days cleaning schedule, about 450 students come into my room before it is cleaned again.

About 120 days or 2/3 of the school year the teacher and the students are existing in a dusty, dirty, unhealthy environment.

Most parents send their children to school expecting them to be in a clean, safe, sanitary, and healthy environment----not for 1/3 of the school year but EVERY DAY.

Is it worth saving \$73.00 per day to have teachers try to teach and students try to learn in a dusty, dirty, unhealthy environment like this?

Is this the way the school district expects to promote pride in our Seattle Schools? Many of our buildings are old but do they need to be unclean, cluttered, dusty, dirty, and unhealthy as well?

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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