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**Excessive classroom heat harms** the ability of **students** to learn and the ability of **teachers** to teach. *“Symptoms include but are not limited to increased body temperature, confusion, headache, flushed skin, quickened heartbeat, and vomiting”.*

As climate change accelerates and temperatures rise, more and more **students face overheated classrooms where temperatures can exceed 80° or even 90°F**. In the wake of COVID-19, upgrading school ventilation systems is widely acknowledged as an important component of a healthy school environment.

It's illegal in New York to leave a companion animal in a motor vehicle “in extreme heat or cold without proper ventilation or other protection from such extreme temperatures”, yet, our young children are legally expected to go to our school's facing the same or worse conditions.

We and many other parents have walked into these schools to find our kids sweating and they are miserable! **The kid's and teachers are cooking inside these walls!**

We want the government to find it in their budget to fund this school to get the proper air conditioning system's put in! You are forcing parent's to send their kids and even the teacher into a building that is NOT fit for our young children to learn in or for any adult to teach in.

It is imperative that the Yonkers Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools update our buildings and put air conditioning in all of our classrooms, just like they have done with our District High Schools buildings.

No excuses. **Neglecting school buildings is neglecting thousands of students.** Our schools need to be cooled, and ventilated like it's the 21st century... **because it is.**