

Dear Beaumont Alumna,

I want to update you on the status of our plans for the Lennon House, which I wrote to you about in March.

I am sorry to report that the Cleveland Heights Planning Commission voted last week to deny our application to raze the building. We had many alumnae in the audience who spoke very passionately on our behalf, and while we made a very strong case for the need to use the space to better support our students and our school's mission, our arguments were not enough to overcome the objections of those who clearly believe the building must be preserved at all costs.

Obviously, we are very disappointed, but we do not intend to abandon this project. Above all, we remain committed to providing our students with the caliber of facilities they need and deserve. The limited footprint of the Beaumont campus makes that a challenging objective. The site of the Lennon House remains the most viable option for expanding our athletic facilities.

We have the opportunity to apply again to the city and are determining what actions we need to take to strengthen our case for demolition. While we identify next steps, I want to thank every member of the Beaumont family for your support and encouragement during the last few weeks, and especially those who attended the Planning Commission meeting and those who spoke and wrote letters on our behalf.

As I told the Planning Commission members, we did not come to the decision regarding the Lennon House lightly. Whatever course of action we take, I want to assure you of two things: we will always honor the history of Beaumont and the role the building played in our past, and we will always remember that our mission, above everything else, is to provide our students with a well-rounded, global education that prepares them to be leaders and women of strong moral conviction in a world of change and challenge.

In St. Angela,



Wendy Hoke, President

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