

Good evening, My name is Zion Bezu. I have very bright two kids at John Adams Elementary School, I am Elect PTA president, I am RIF Lady (reading is a fundamental) coordinator and BCFC (Bright choice for children) homework club coordinator

I am here tonight to ask for your consideration for funds to

1. ELL summer academy, materials, and one teacher every class room
2. Speech service for quite kids
3. Science Technology
4. BCFC homework club and afterschool programs.
5. World language (Amharic and Arabic)

John Adams has over 980 students representing hundreds of families and is exceptional diverse group, in addition to students from a large portion of the west end students from every corner of Alexandria for the Pre-K, the Special Needs, and Dual Language programs.

I know there are remarkable needs address in financial challenging time. I am sure that you already heard that the shortage of classroom space for instruction, needs of ELL materials, teachers. ELL program is very important to my kids. My two kids are ELL students for the last 3 years. They have not received ELL support until July 2014. The problem was there is not enough time, space and teachers to address all John Adams students. John Adams ELL teacher are the best teacher ever. I am asking to take a consideration to have one teacher per class and for more ELL material. We need your help to change.

My son Daniel is smart boy who has speech delay. The reason I brought my son to John Adams to get the help he needed however his achievement was a problem for him to receive it.

Thank you to Dr. Crawly after 3 years, my son finally start receiving speech. I ask you to have a budget a kids like mine to have his/her confidence back.

I applaud the effort having technology however still work to do. We need science and technology lab for k- 5 grade.

BCFC provide homework help for 100 kids at John Adams. The demand are high but we don't have enough volunteers' to help those students. If we have the school board support we can help more kids and we will run year round. The idea is to hire John Adams teacher to tutor them. The students already developed trust with the teacher. It would be easy to manage the kids. We are asking the school board to support our homework club. The homework club run twice a week. We would love to add one day for world language programs as well. We would love to add French, Arabic and Amharic. You might ask me why? Most of John Adams family speak Spanish, French, Arabic and Amharic. John Adams family are hard to time connect with school. This is a good idea to engage the family by having French, Arabic and Amharic after school program. The program should run by John Adams family. We are asking the school board to hire qualify John Adams family to teach and run the program as well.

We are invite all of to attend our winter woodland December 11, at 6:30 PM.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you this evening. If you have question please contact me [zionbezu@gmail.com](mailto:zionbezu@gmail.com)