

Dear Principal Slemm and
Members of the Berkeley School Board:

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Science education and the development of scientific literacy is an essential component in today's secondary education. The issues facing our students (global warming, the destruction of the ozone layer, urban pollution, health issues such as diabetes, cancer, etc.) , require that our students be well- grounded in the underlying science behind these issues. For many of our students, high school will be the last time they will take a biology or physics course. We cannot afford to short change them in these subjects.

As a parent/guardian of a student currently attending BHS, I want to express my concern about your efforts to eliminate science labs. I believe that the current level of support for science labs provided by BSEP funds should be continued.

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