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Mr. Glenn Hudson
Superintendent District Schools
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Dear Sir:

I have thought that Lamar School on 19th Street is not very safe since Hurricane Celia.

During Hurricane Celia relatives and I took shelter at Lamar School. At the height of the storm I was seated on the floor on the downstairs hall close to and almost facing the entrance. I was seated because I was praying the Rosary. When the windows broke upstairs and the water gushed in people started screaming. That was when I got terrified because I felt the wall I was leaning on sway. I jumped up thinking there are so many people in this building if it collapses will all be killed. This must be a very old building. I was so afraid I started praying out loud.

This incident I have related to relatives, friends and co-workers. One friend told me she never took shelter at Ella Barnes after a similar experience during an earlier hurricane.

I am relating this to you to let you know that perhaps this Lamar School Building may not be very safe in another strong hurricane as Celia.

I have even doubted that it is safe for those occupying it during school. I have always felt I should let the School Board know about this matter. I thought about writing to Action Line of the paper or to the Editor but I never did. With storm Caroline brewing I had to act. I called Dr. Hector Garcia this day and he advised me to contact the School Board.

I hope that you may act on this letter and have the Lamar Building inspected for structural soundness.

Respectfully,
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