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The Art School is, and has been, an intricate part of the Lower East Side for over 100 years. It would be a slap in the face to the countless immigrants and teachers who formed a creative spirit, working in professional, well lit gallery space. It would be a terrible injustice to relegate and reduce the program to a basement without proper lighting.

Chaim Gross and Moses Soyer, and the other fine artists who taught at the Alliance, not to mention the countless art students who studies with them, becoming creative and contributing members of society, would be appalled by what may be happening. Please do give further consideration and do the right thing.