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Dear Board of Directors,

The Educational Alliance's Art School is a special and rare place in the city, where people of any age, training or background could take affordable art classes taught by true professionals in the communal atmosphere. The building itself is an inspiring place, with its large windows and incredible evening lighting, the spirit of tradition and many possibilities floating around its corridors. It is a part of the historic New York that is so rare to find these days and that makes this city so special. New Yorkers, more than any other city dwellers, need spacious and bright places for their creative expression.

It seems like our sentiment would be shared on the city government level, as the city's mayor has been working on making this city a more attractive place in the past few years, by adding more parks and community spaces throughout the city. This city initiative should not be limited to the outside communal places, it would be logical to apply it to libraries, art schools, etc. - especially if these places, like our Art School, have a rich history of serving this community for generations.

As an alumna and prospect student, I ask that we keep the art school at its location and that we keep the current amenities.