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Dr. Janey:

We appreciate the response to our concerns regarding the safety and security issues at Maury Elementary School. Specifically, encouraging the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) Division of School Security and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to work together to ameliorate these problems. Neighbors have noted that there have been fewer problems in recent months although they are uncertain whether improvement will continue as warm weather approaches.

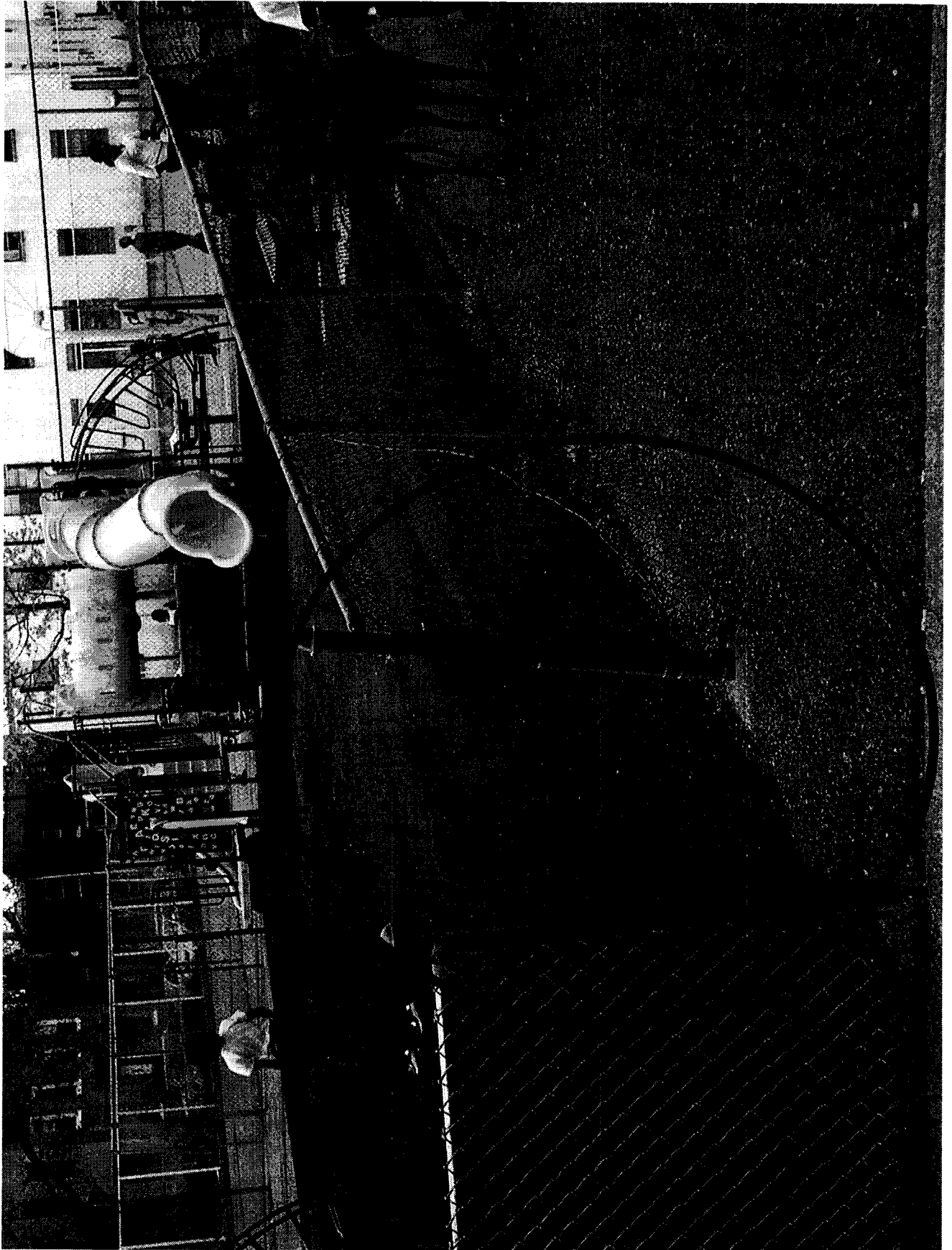
However, concern remains about the status of the chain link fencing around Maury Elementary School. Your letter indicates that the problems with the fence have been resolved. Unfortunately, this is not the case. The fence is not continuous on the 12th Place, NE side. Also, while steps have been taken to secure the gate on the 13th Street, NE side, the cable securing this gate allows enough "play" for slender individuals to slip through. Neighbors report that they frequently witness this activity. As this is difficult to visualize, we are attaching photos and a map documenting the interruptions to the fencing on 12th Place, NE. We are including a photo of one of the many holes that has been snipped into the mesh.

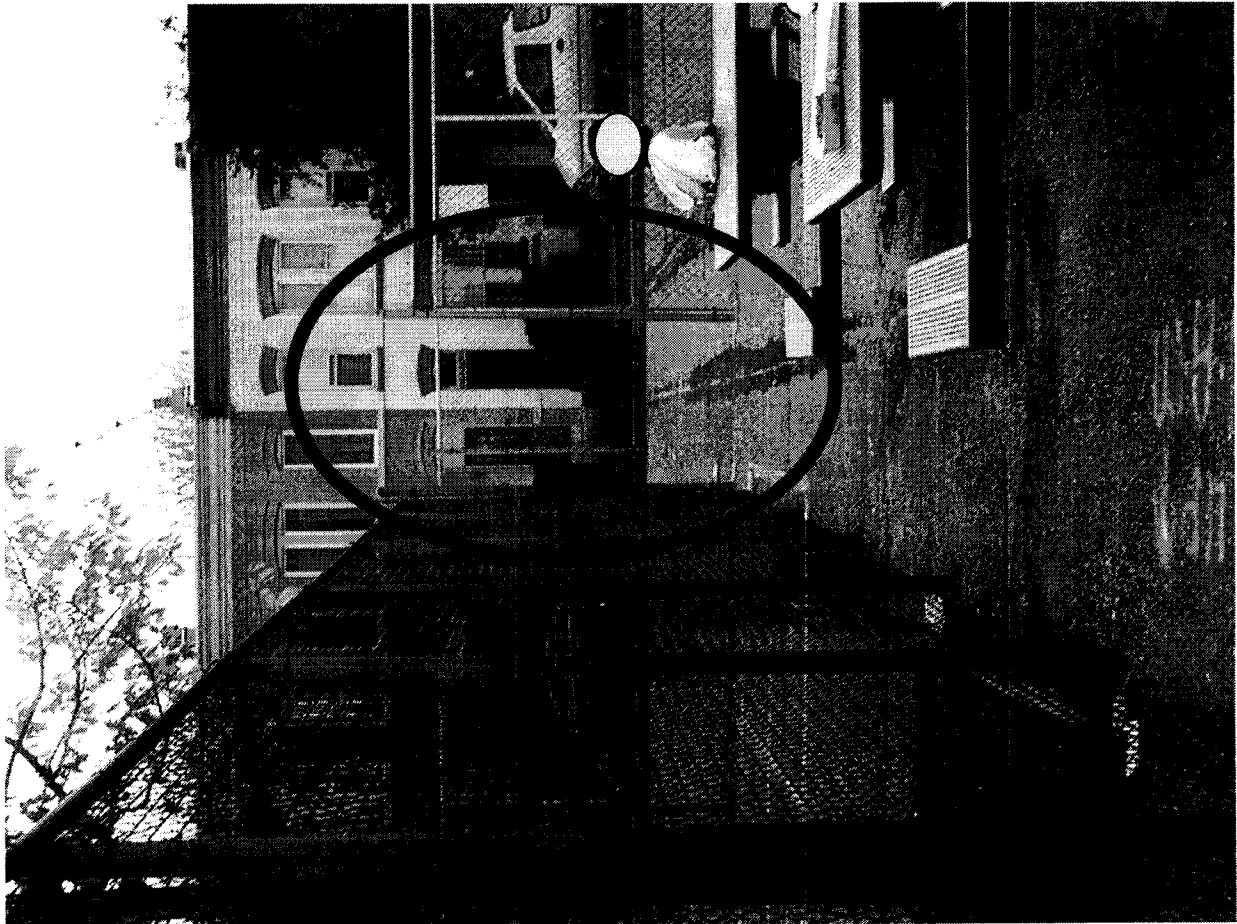
We reiterate the need for complete iron fencing around all sides of the school and would appreciate continued attention to the after-hours activities that take place on the playground.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Tommy Wells, District 3 School Board Member





The picture of the hole (one of many) is just to illustrate how easily the fence is cut through by folks wanting to create "short cuts". There are many, many cheezy repairs to larger holes but it doesn't show up in a photo.

