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Dear State Board of Education,

I am extremely sad and highly disappointed with the decision to close the school. I remember I was laying down scrolling through facebook when I first saw the post. One of my fellow peers posted a screenshot directly from the Newark website about the state's decision. My first reaction was disbelief, I remember I looked at it, read it, and kept scrolling. Even though I kept scrolling something in the back of my head told me it was true and once my brother came home and told me it was true I was shocked.

I have grown so much since I came to this school. My freshman year in highschool was not the best but that minor setback was a setup for a major comeback. In just a year I went from being one of the kids teachers warned the substitute teachers about, to one of the students teachers called upon to represent the school. This change was enforced by the people in the school. At my school we truly are one big family, and the opportunities that I was given not only helped the change but showed me a life after high school that I would like.

Before I came to this school I went to a public middle school. At this school even though they said they wanted the best for you, in reality they didn't care, it took coming to Paulo to see that. For example in Paulo if you had a bad day they are more willing to actually see what was going on and why you were having a bad day, my last school didnt do this. This not only allowed me to grow closer with the adults around me but also made me feel safer.

If I would have never came to this school I don't know where I would be. I do know that freshman year was a big time in my life where I could either crash or rise up and this school truly helped me to rise up and become better. While in my freshman year I got accepted to go on the spelman trip. At the time I wasn't really looking to much into colleges and when I heard that they were going here I did research on it. While researching it I fell in love with the college and since I was able to go I now know for a fact where I will be going to for college. I wouldn't have ever been able to get that experience in any other school. And the fact that they accepted me even with my behavior made it even more special.

Sincerely,  
Brianna Glenn

