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In the science area, space and safety are the two biggest concerns. We need to have up to date plumbing, electrical and facilities along with not one, but two science labs that will allow us to better teach our children.

The need for a new science room is paramount to having a successful science program. One of our science rooms is not a science lab at all but a converted shop. The other lab has leaks due to metal piping (should have put in acid-resistant plastic drains) and counters which are not heat resistant and have been melted. The fume hood is from the original science room in 1957, but it was moved during the last renovation and is now located where it is difficult for students to use. The ventilation in the room was added after the room was built and I don't think that it meets state safety standards for air movement during a lab. Lab chemicals must be ventilated to the outside of the building. The vents were, once again put in after the room was built. I know many other issues surround the infrastructure of the building, heating systems, electrical and plumbing. Up-to-date science lab facilities will help the students be able to do more laboratories. That is what science class should be all about.

