



**RENOVATE!**  
**SAY NO TO DEMOLITION OF JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL!**  
**PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HERITAGE!**



Elements from Greek Architecture (over 2,000 years old) in the facade of JMHS

**SAVE JOHN MARSHALL**  
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 Over 2,000 Petitioners  
 have written to Mayor Jackson  
 requesting a meeting to promote his vision for  
 "building the Cleveland of tomorrow" by preserving  
 our "great past" and SAVE JOHN MARSHALL.  
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**SAVE JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, CAMPAIGN!**  
**FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER!**

*(HAPPY BELATED 80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL -- opened on January 29, 1932)*

**INVESTIGATE CITY HALL!**

For denying due process to petitioners and determine how:

Mayor Jackson, Councilman Sweeney, Cleveland Landmarks Commission, Board of Education, and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District not only contravened the democratic process but also worked together to thwart the efforts of over 2,400 petitioners in their 9-month old campaign to SAVE 80-year old historic JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL!

**COUNCILMAN SWEENEY RIGGED 5 TO 4 VOTE TO DEMOLISH HISTORIC JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND, OHIO!**

Two Top City Officials -- Director of City Planning & Manager of Architecture -- who should be preserving our heritage voted for demolition of 80-year old landmark at the January 12, 2012 Cleveland Landmarks Commission meeting. A member was absent. While quorum was still satisfied, Councilman Sweeney brought in Councilwoman Phyllis Cleveland as a one-day replacement -- not clear under what rules of the Commission -- and she also voted for demolition. Time limit for speakers, in the public session, was 2 minutes but Councilman Sweeney was allowed to speak for 18 minutes while the SAVE JOHN MARSHALL campaign was denied the basic right to speak about inaccuracies and mathematical contradictions in the School District's financial numbers. Councilman Sweeney, also City Council President, very aware of protecting the basic right of individuals, demonstrated no outrage when the right to speak was denied. Councilman Sweeney, who likes building new schools in his ward, was quoted on cleveland.com on January 19, 2012 -- saying that a new John Marshall will be "state-of-the-art" is not aware that 83-year old John Hay High School, with an auditorium and a swimming pool was renovated in 2005 to 21<sup>st</sup> century learning standards and forgot to mention his "state-of-the-art" school in addition to destroying our heritage will not have an auditorium, underground track, or swimming pool. Due process was denied to the petitioners who want renovation. Concerns of the community who have rejected the new school in three successive zero votes were ignored. A box, weighing 7 pounds, containing petitions and documents was given to the Landmarks Commission.

**PENDING & OTHER CRITICAL ITEMS!**

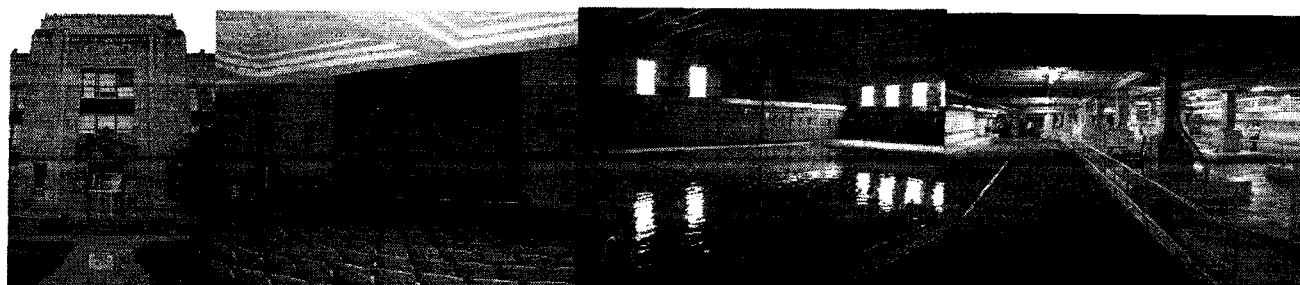
- \*Request for a meeting with Mayor Jackson to SAVE JOHN MARSHALL is pending since June 14, 2011 -- three requests were sent to the Mayor via e-mail and certified mail.
- \* Councilman Sweeney, never responded, despite reminders via e-mail and certified mail, to a request of April 27, 2011 that he enjoin upon the Cleveland Landmarks Commission not to revoke John Marshall's landmark status. Mayor Jackson was made aware of this absence of response from Councilman Sweeney and took no action.
- \*The School District (despite reminders), is not providing information, needed to SAVE JOHN MARSHALL but has been working with Councilman Sweeney and advocating for its demolition. No calculations have been provided to explain the mathematical contradictions in the financial numbers.  
 Request for Information is pending since September 6, 2011.
- \*Mayor Jackson's appointed Board of Education remains committed to building a new school which the John Marshall community has rejected in three successive zero votes.
- \*The SAVE JOHN MARSHALL campaign has made five appearances at the monthly Board of Education meetings and requested that in an over \$50 million project, the written comments should be included as part of their minutes. The Board has not complied with the request and has reported the multi-page comments as two or three line summaries which are incorrect reflections of the full comments.

**WHY IS ALL OF THIS HAPPENING IN CLEVELAND, OHIO?**

IF YOU WANT TO SAVE JOHN MARSHALL & RENOVATE LIKE JOHN HAY & RHODES HIGH SCHOOLS, CALL:  
Mayor Jackson (Office) at (216) 664-3990 or e-mail at [mayorsactioncenter@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:mayorsactioncenter@city.cleveland.oh.us)  
Councilman Sweeney (Office) at (216) 664-2942, (Home) at (216) 252-0986 or e-mail at [council18@clevelandcitycouncil.org](mailto:council18@clevelandcitycouncil.org)

(24 SAVE JOHN MARSHALL SIGNS WERE STOLEN IN A SWEEP – INCLUDING FOUR OUTSIDE SAVE JM HEADQUARTERS -- A FEW DAYS AFTER THE RIGGED VOTE. OUR SIGNS CONTINUE TO BE STOLEN!

**MESSAGE: SAVE JOHN MARSHALL CAMPAIGN WILL NOT BE SILENCED!)**



Main Entrance

Auditorium

Swimming Pool

Underground Tracks

**SUMMARY:**

\*The School District wants to build a New School and destroy our 80-year old landmark, Auditorium, Swimming Pool, and Underground Tracks. \*Over 2,400 Petitioners want to renovate John Marshall similar to the renovation of landmarked 83-year old John Hay and 80-year old Rhodes High Schools.

\*Mayor Jackson is Cleveland’s visionary leader (described as a man with big ideas in the Plain Dealer of November 22, 2011) and whose vision for “building the Cleveland of tomorrow” by preserving our “great past” is enshrined in the SAVE JOHN MARSHALL signs – see photograph on top right of first page. Note, we now have over 2,400 petitioners. A meeting with Mayor Jackson, to SAVE JOHN MARSHALL, is pending since June 14, 2011 -- despite three requests sent via e-mail and certified mail.

\*Mayor Jackson wants to renovate 88-year old Public Auditorium (in front of City Hall) while his Board of Education/School District will destroy 80-year old John Marshall.

\*Mayor Jackson built a new Recreation Center, with a swimming pool, in Collinwood, in 2011, for \$11 million, while his Board of Education/School District will demolish fully functional John Marshall’s Recreation Center, with a swimming pool, used by the community.

\*Mayor Jackson is renovating an historic building in one part of Cleveland and destroying an historic building in another part; building a swimming pool in one part of Cleveland and destroying a swimming pool in another part of Cleveland. How is this building an equitable “Cleveland of tomorrow”?

**History:**

John Marshall High School, located on West 140<sup>th</sup> Street, opened in 1932, is a landmarked building – which possesses many historic and architecturally significant features. It was designed by George M. Hopkinson, the British born architect, who also designed the landmarked John Hay and landmarked Rhodes High Schools, and 14 other landmarked schools in Cleveland. If you look around the front and sides of the building, and also in the interior, you will see elements coming from Ancient Greece – the civilization that gave us the great idea of Democracy, famous philosophers like Plato and Socrates, scientists like Archimedes, and Mathematicians like Euclid and Pythagoras ( $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ ).

**Petitioners:**

We now have over 2,400 petitioners, from Alaska to Afghanistan, and everywhere in between, who are saying: **RENOVATE! SAY NO TO DEMOLITION! PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY’S HERITAGE!**

**THE SAVE JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL CAMPAIGN CAN NOW BE SEEN ON TWO VIDEOS ON:**



<u>Name of YouTube Video</u>	<u>Date Taped and Location</u>	<u>Approximate Duration</u>
Save John Marshall High School, Cleveland, Ohio	October 6, 2011 (John Marshall High School)	15 minutes
Save John Marshall High School Part 2: Demonstration	November 1, 2011 (Sidewalks of 14703 Puritas Ave.)	5 minutes

(To locate a video, do a google search on the name! Please share videos with family and friends! )

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