

A Letter to the Principal

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Dear Principal,

Without doubt, the most discussed issue in our school recently is which initiative in China, further space exploration or basic healthcare and education in rural areas, should receive the money that our students and parents have raised. Here, I would like to explain why I prefer the latter.

Everyone knows that the education level of residents living in rural China is low. Unlike Hong Kong, these areas in China do not provide free education to the residents. Without help from the government, people in rural areas cannot afford to pay the school fees. Apart from this, the facilities and learning environment in most schools in rural areas are poor. For example, students have to stand in the classroom because of the lack of chairs. Hence, there is an urgent need to improve education in rural China so as to ameliorate the living conditions of the residents there.

In addition, we should not neglect the hygienic problems in rural China on the grounds that rural residents account for more than 70 percent of China's population, but receive just 20 percent of the spending on health. The figures manifest the urgent needs of rural residents. In fact, tuberculosis and neonatal tetanus kill more than 200,000 children in China every year. They really need our help.

In the following paragraphs, I would like to show you why space exploration is less important than basic education and healthcare.

One of the reasons is that space technology is not a basic need of people. We can live without it. We can still lead a happy and prosperous life even if the country is lagging behind in space technology. Thus, we should make more effort to improve education and health facilities in China.

What is more, carrying out a space project is time-consuming and costly. It may take a number of decades to achieve little success. Thus, it is better for us to concentrate more on something which is more rewarding, for example, education and healthcare projects.



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To sum up, I believe that donating money to education and healthcare is more sensible. I hope you will consider my suggestions.

Yours faithfully,
Chris Wong

Teacher's Feedback : A promising piece of work. Rich evidence and ample examples are provided to support your arguments. Well done! (Miss Tse Kit Wan)