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My name is Kelly McCormick, and I am Professor of Mathematics Education at USM. I have been at USM for 19 years. Prior to USM, I taught at Indiana University for 6 years as a graduate student. At Indiana University, I taught in state of the art classrooms where I could model how to use the technology that my students would be using in K-12 schools. I was shocked at the state of the classrooms at USM when I first started teaching at the university, and there has been little improvement and an actual decline for most classrooms. For example, I recently taught in a classroom that had chalkboards that were so old that my students couldn't see what I wrote on them. The same classroom had asbestos tiles that we would scrape the desks and chairs over daily and an asbestos pipe that had a sign that stated, "Caution: Asbestos. Do not shake," but the pipe would shake when the heat was on on its own. In the same building, which is without air conditioning, I have had windows fall in on me, and in other classrooms those windows won't open. USM students deserve a better and safer learning environment.