## Section 1:

#1 "As a year six student from Gallup Public School I have heard severe complaints going towards an urgent need of renovating the school playground. It concerns parents or parental guardians regarding the fact of their children getting bruises or injuries after a long, hard working, day of school."

Strengths: You begin with a clear introduction identifying yourself and the issue. Your opening shows confidence by immediately addressing the problem.

Weaknesses: Vague language  $\rightarrow$  Your opening uses general terms like "severe complaints" without specific examples. The sentence structure is also awkward, particularly "complaints going towards." You could strengthen this by being more precise about the complaints and who is making them.

Exemplar: As a Year Six student at Gallup Public School, I am writing because our dangerous playground has caused multiple injuries to students, including cuts and bruises that concerned parents have repeatedly reported to the school.

#2 "The swings are deteriorated with paint peeling like stickers and the chains are on the urge of falling down to the sharp, grouped dirt. The slides have edges that could be destroyed within a touch, students are in a predicament deciding whether to slide down the slide or not as of the potential injuries."

Strengths: You include specific details about the playground equipment problems. Your description creates vivid imagery of the dangerous conditions.

Weaknesses: Run-on sentences  $\rightarrow$  Your sentences contain multiple ideas without proper punctuation or connecting words. This makes your points less clear and reduces the impact of your argument. The phrase "on the urge of" is also incorrect.

Exemplar: The swings have deteriorated badly, with paint peeling off and chains that are about to break and send children falling onto the hard, rocky ground below. The slides have sharp, damaged edges that cut students' legs, leaving many too frightened to use them.

#3 "I hope that my words will cause a change of heart. I have deep concerns for your decision but I hope you make the right decision to repair the beloved school playground expediently."

Strengths: You conclude with a clear request for action. Your tone is respectful while still conveying urgency.

Weaknesses: Lack of specificity  $\rightarrow$  Your conclusion doesn't include a clear timeline or specific request for action. The phrase "change of heart" suggests the councillor has already made a negative decision, which might not be the case.

Exemplar: I respectfully ask that you approve funding to repair our school playground before the end of term. This urgent safety issue affects over 400 students who deserve a safe place to play.

■ Your persuasive email makes some good points about the playground's safety issues, but needs more specific details to strengthen your argument. Try including exact examples of injuries that have happened, the number of students affected, and how long these problems have existed. You should also be clearer about exactly what you want the councillor to do - is it funding, approval, or something else? Also, think about adding some positive outcomes that would result from fixing the playground, such as improved student wellbeing and attendance. Your formal tone is appropriate for writing to a councillor, but some sentences are too complex and lose their impact. Try breaking longer sentences into shorter, clearer ones. Additionally, you could improve your conclusion by specifying what actions you want and when they should happen.

## Overall Score:40/50

Section 2:

Subject: Urgent: School Playground Renovation]

Dear Councillor Johnson,

#1 As a year six student from Gallup Public School I have heard severe complaints going towards an urgent need of renovating the school playground. It concerns parents or parental guardians regarding the fact of their children getting bruises or injuries after a long, hard working, day of school. [As a Year Six student from Gallup Public School, I am writing about the urgent need to renovate our school playground. Parents and guardians are deeply concerned about their children receiving bruises and injuries after school.]

Parents have been dismissive about taking their kids to school fearing [for fear of] the fact that their child will be injured badly or hurt because of the wild play ground [playground]. Parents or parental guardians have been meeting with each other, on the edge of their seats, almost concluding to exchange their kid's [kids'] school with a safer option, like one that has a healthy environment that has no complaints regarding their children's safety.

#2 The swings are deteriorated with paint peeling like stickers and the chains are on the urge of falling down to the sharp, grouped dirt. The slides have edges that could be destroyed within a

touch, students are in a predicament deciding whether to slide down the slide or not as of the potential injuries. [The swings have deteriorated with paint peeling off like stickers and chains that are on the verge of breaking and dropping children onto the sharp, rocky ground below. The slides have damaged edges that could break at any moment, leaving students in a difficult position about whether to use them due to the risk of injuries.]

Many people have been whining about the playground being boring or fearing getting hurt just like the others. It's crucial and pertinent to remember the possibilities of severe injuries like getting handicapped [disabled] or not being able to do what you used to when deciding to use a dangerous playground like ours. Our neglected playground has shown many safety hazards that have been worrying parents or parental guardians for years such as no teacher on duty to keep the children safe and saved [protected] swiftly. There have been many meetings regarding this specific topic but unfortunately nobody has taken action to address this severe community concern.

#3 I hope that my words will cause a change of heart. I have deep concerns for your decision but I hope you make the right decision to repair the beloved school playground expediently. [I hope that my words will prompt you to take action. I have deep concerns about this situation and hope you will make the right decision to repair our beloved school playground as soon as possible.]

Yours Faithfully, Ammar Memon A.M.