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Taking Alternatives to dissection to her School's Board of Directors

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The time had finally come. I had three minutes to present weeks worth of research. I stated my name with an anxious and apprehensive voice when I began to address the school board. All eyes rested on the podium, and I had no idea what to expect.

In January, members of Central Bucks West Animal Rights Club decided to do something about the useless slaughter of animals for 'education' that is, dissection. First, we had to do some major research in order to see the whole picture. In response to our letters and phone calls, Animalearn and other organizations sent an abundance of pamphlets, newsletters, and ideas. With the acquired materials, we put together a large bulletin board in the science wing of our school to introduce the issue to the student body.

Then we investigated the expenses of dissection in Central Bucks West through the head of the science department, and compared them to that of alternatives. Once a packet of information was together, it was time to speak with the Central Bucks School Board about discontinuing the outdated practice of dissection.

The reaction was positive. In the speech I stressed the educational and cost efficiency of alternatives; the board was very impressed by these facts. After discussion with board members, two newspaper reporters talked with me. The next day many teachers said that they saw an article in the local newspaper, *The Intelligencer*, and that this was a positive start. Later in the day, I was called in to see the principal. He personally offered his help and support.

The next step was to meet with the district science coordinator. He agreed to order some alternative products for trial to be presented to other teachers in the district in May or June of this year.

Now the Central Bucks West Animal Rights Group challenges you to take a step towards better education in our schools. Your voice can and does have an influence. Use it to save the millions of the voiceless.