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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2019

TO: Edwin M. Quezada

FROM: John P. Carr 

RE: **REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION**
Roosevelt High School Fuel Oil Spill

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Andrea Coddett
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

John P. Carr
Executive Director
School Facilities Management

On Friday October 18th, 2019, in the course of readying the 2 boilers in the auto shop wing of Roosevelt high school for winter use it was determined that number 2 fuel oil was escaping from the underground conveyance system piping. After running the fuel pumps for approximately 1 hour fuel was seen percolating up from the seam between the concrete curb and asphalt paving in the adjacent parking lot.

The pumps were immediately shut off and the District's vendor for environmental "Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fuel Oil Tanks" Luzon Environmental Services was called to the site. Also on site was the City Police and Fire Department. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was also contacted and the spill so registered. Eisenbach & Ruhnke Engineers (E&R) has been engaged and on site to provide engineering for this project

Investigations indicate that two oil return pipes had deteriorated to the point of breaking. Measurements found that approximately 400 gallons of fuel was discharged into the soil and local storm drain system through these breaks. The pipes and tank had passed pressure testing in June of 2019. The 10,000 gallon underground oil storage tank is single wall steel and 55 years old. It is likely in the middle of the field of contaminated soil and will need to be removed.

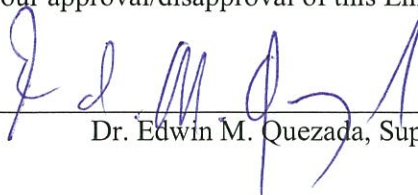
A temporary above ground tank has been installed in the parking lot on the north side of the auto-shop. By code, a temporary tank must be replaced with a permanent solution within 6 months of the test failure or roughly by May 2020.

E&R estimates the overall cost of this project to be in the range of \$450,000 to \$550,000 depending on the extent on the contaminated soil remediation.

Due to the time constraints and the length of time typically involved in the procurement of construction under GML 103 it is required that an Emergency Declaration in the amount of \$450,000 (capital) be issued in order to comply with WCDOH. This will include the purchase of the tank, engagement of E&R and Luzon, procurement of a general contractor (if necessary) for the tank replacement and soil remediation.

Please indicate your approval/disapproval of this Emergency Declaration by signing below:

APPROVED:

 12/30/19

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

DENIED:

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

JPC/jc

cc: Dr. A. Coddett, J. Liszewski, J. Carr, T. Collich, C. Dimaggio, T. Annunziata, L. Piltz