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**Dr. Edwin M. Quezada**  
Superintendent of Schools

**DATE:** January 3, 2020

**TO:** Rev. Steve Lopez, President  
and Members of the Board of Education

**FROM:** Dr. Edwin M. Quezada 

**RE:** **Request for Emergency Declaration**  
**DiChiaro School 8 Ceiling Collapse**

I have approved the attached Request for Emergency Declaration from Executive Director John Carr. On Friday, November 23, 2019 a six square foot section of the plaster ceiling over the main entrance stairway collapsed onto the mid floor landing. The area was quickly closed and the remainder of the ceilings inspected for similar conditions.

It was determined that a more in-depth assessment was required and KG&D Architects, already on site for ongoing CIP, were called to inspect and advise. The main hallway ceiling plaster was delaminating from its supports, creating an unpredictable situation and needs to be removed and replaced as soon as possible.

Mengler Mechanical and All Bright Electric, already on site for the aforementioned CIP, were engaged to make the repairs. The cost for this is anticipated to be in the \$0,000 to \$65,000 range depending on the extent of repairs required to other systems (structural, electrical, fire safety, intercom, sprinklers, etc.).

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration of this request.


EMQ:br

Att.

C: Dr. Andrea Coddett, Dr. Corey Reynolds, Dr. Fenix Arias, Mr. John Carr, Mr. John Liszewski, Mr. Tom Collich, Ms. Connie DiMaggio, Mr. L. Pavone

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 1, 2019  
**TO:** Edwin M. Quezada  
**FROM:** John P. Carr   
**RE:** **REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION**  
**DiChiaro School 8 Ceiling Collapse**

**Dr. Edwin M. Quezada**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Dr. Andrea Coddett**  
Deputy Superintendent of Schools

**John P. Carr**  
Executive Director  
School Facilities Management

On Friday November 23, 2019 a 6 square foot section of the plaster ceiling over the main entrance stairway collapsed on to the mid floor landing. The area was quickly closed and the remainder of the ceilings inspected for similar conditions.

It was determined that a more in depth assessment was required and KG&D Architects, already on site the on-going CIP were called to inspect and advise.

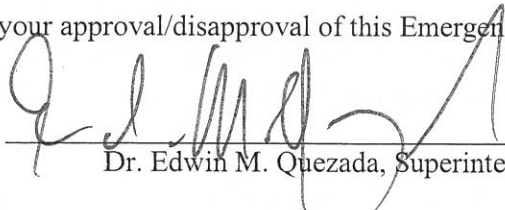
It was further determined that the main hallway ceiling plaster was delaminating from its supports creating an unpredictable situation and needs to be removed and replaced as soon as is possible.

Mengler Mechanical and All Bright Electric already on site for the aforementioned CIP were engaged to make the repairs. The cost for this is anticipated to be in the \$40,000.00 to \$65,000 range depending on the extent of repairs required to other systems (structural, electrical, fire safety, intercom, sprinklers, etc).

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 be issued to expedite this work.

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

APPROVED:

  
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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

DENIED:

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Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

JPC/jc

cc: Dr. A. Coddett, J. Liszewski, T. Collich, C. Dimaggio, L. Pavone,