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Building Repair and Restoration Update

May 19, 2022

- **What happened**

- During spring break, a urinal in a third-floor bathroom overflowed for several days
- Staff discovered the water and damage on Sunday, April 17
- We immediately engaged a restoration company, with an initial expectation of restoring the building in time to return on schedule Monday, April 25

- **Actions taken**

- During the first week of restoration April 17-22, the extent of damage was found to be greater than anticipated; the need for additional mold remediation also was discovered
- Shifted all students to distance learning for the week of April 25-29 and began work to identify temporary alternative locations for in-person instruction
- Revised restoration plans to treat mold and add testing procedures to determine safe conditions. Additional work in affected areas on all three floors has included:
 - Moisture mapping
 - Barriers to contain affected areas, as well as drying equipment and HEPA air scrubbers
 - Detach lockers to access drywall behind them in affected areas
 - Remove wet ceiling tiles, drywall and insulation
 - Clean, HEPA vacuum and sanitize remaining building materials
 - Reinsulate all affected walls; install new drywall; seal and paint all drywall
 - Install new ceiling tiles; reinstall lockers
 - Install 75-inch Promethean interactive panels in classrooms
 - Air testing conducted by Ambient Environmental Inc. All spaces cleared in alignment with state environmental regulations May 17.
- Final restoration and clearance for the building anticipated no later than Friday, May 20
- The library will remain closed for the rest of the school year. A mold remediation project for that space will be conducted during the summer. The space will remain locked and contained in alignment with abatement regulations until that project is completed this summer.

- **Efforts to find space to accommodate our students for in-person instruction**

- Identified Delaware Community School as a temporary location for our AIC K-5 students and Dual Language Program prekindergarten students
- During the weeks of April 25 and May 2, explored many options for AIC 6-12 and Dual Language K-5 students:
 - The College of St. Rose
 - Hudson Valley Community College
 - RISSE

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- Salvation Army
 - University at Albany
 - Local churches and other organizations
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- Logistical and operational challenges for the district and our partners, as well as state, county and city regulatory requirements, prevented us from moving forward with these locations
 - May 5 – Added a supervised virtual option for Dual Language K-5 students at the Tony Clement Center for Education
 - May 6 – Informed families and employees that we will continue in our current instructional models until our building is ready for us to move back in

Next steps

- Monday, May 23 – Faculty and staff return to the building to prepare for students’ return.
- Monday, May 23 – Open house for families, 4:30-6 p.m.
 - The evening will include a presentation and opportunity for questions about the work that has been done to restore and update our building, and for students and families to tour the building.
- Tuesday, May 24 – All students return to in-person instruction at O’Neal