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MEMORANDUM

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada
Superintendent of Schools

John P. Carr
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School Facilities Management

DATE: October 19, 2020

TO: Dr. Edwin Quezada

FROM: John P. Carr 

**RE: REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY DECLARATION
SCHOOL 29 FUEL OIL SPILL**

Sometime in the afternoon or evening of October 16, 2020 a fuel oil pump on the #3 boiler at Westchester Hills School 29 failed and began leaking No. 2 fuel oil. The spill flowed through the local storm sewer system and into the watershed of Troublesome Brook and Crestwood Lake.

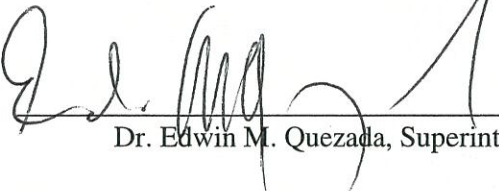
The City of Yonkers Fire Department responded to reports of fuel oil odors and found product in several locations downstream of the school. They notified the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation who notified the Westchester County Department of Health. Castleton Environmental Contractors, LLC, under contract to the state was brought in to contain the spill and locate its source.

On October 18 the School Facilities Department was notified by COY Fire that the source of the spill was the north boiler room at School 29.

Facilities immediately responded and directed Ultimate Power (District service vendor) to repair the boiler, Luzon Environmental (District service vendor) and took over Castleton's engagement from the State to continue with spill containment and cleanup. Out of an abundance of caution and to quickly restore the school to a comfortable condition Belfor Property Restoration was also engaged.

Due to the time restraints and the length of time typically involved in the procurement of services under GML 103 it is required that an Emergency Declaration in the amount of \$500,000 (General Fund moneys) be issued in order to cover the cost for the cleanup and repairs and to comply with WCDOH. This will include the cost for Castleton initial clean up, Luzon to complete the cleanup and Belfor to clean the school.

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

APPROVED:  10/19/2020

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

DENIED: _____
Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools

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cc: J. Liszewski, T. Collich, L. Pavone, J. Becker, B Gorson