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Mr. Robert Hughes
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RE: Safety Inspection of Jr./Sr. High School and Elementary School

Dear Rob,

At your request, OCM BOCES conducted a safety inspection of the Jr./Sr. High School and Elementary School on September 28, 2018. I facilitated the inspection and was accompanied by Jerry Bishop, Director of Facilities, and Peter Marsenison, Vice President of Construction Associates, LLC. The purpose of the inspection was to look at general safety conditions that might impact the safety of staff and students. The inspection focused on the following aspects:

General Liability Issues/Pre-PESH: Walking & Working Surfaces, Slip/Trip/Fall Hazards, District Employee Safety & etc.

Contractor Issues: Limited to those activities that have the potential to impact staff & students, such as placement/security of equipment, material storage, chemical storage, combustible and flammable materials, and activities with the potential to adversely impact the indoor environment. Contractor compliance with worker safety/OSHA standards was outside the scope of this inspection and the authority of OCM BOCES.

Life and Fire Safety: General egress safety including Exits and Discharge Areas, Fire Safety, Fire Alarm & Suppression Systems and other items as typically found on the annual fire inspection checklist.

Various regulatory requirements, including OSHA/PESH, Fire Code, and NYS Education Department Planning Standards for School Buildings, were consulted during the inspection. Any items that were noted to be not in compliance were discussed with Mr. Bishop and Mr. Marsenison at the time of observation.

The district is in the midst of a capitol construction project that has impacted the two buildings. This inspection is part of a broader effort by the District to insure that the project is not adversely affecting the health and safety of the students and staff.

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During the inspection, I did not observe any odors or smells that could be attributed to the continuing project. At the time of the inspection, most workers were outside or working in unoccupied rooms. I pointed out that if the workers are near students, they need to be wearing ID badges. However, most of the work in the buildings is being undertaken after school hours. I recommend that the contractors be reminded to ensure that any ongoing work is secure and all tools and equipment are stored out of reach of students and staff. Each contractor/trade should verify that their work is secured and out of reach at the end of each shift.

During the walkthrough one or more electrical boxes were open and accessible to students and staff. I stated that these either need to be covered and secure or the power turned off to those circuits. I was informed that this would be corrected before the end of the day. The fire alarm panels in both buildings indicated trouble alerts. Any trouble alert for such items as detector heads, dampers, pull stations & etc., need to be corrected and cleared to insure complete alarm coverage for the building. While unrelated to the project, multiple classroom doors were observed to be wedged open. Where the doors are fire rated, they need to be maintained in the closed position when not in use as per fire code. There were a couple of smaller items noted, but these were corrected at the time of the inspection. Otherwise, the buildings appeared to be in good condition.

While unsightly, it is not required for ceiling tiles to be in place during the project. As work remains to be completed above the ceiling grid, it is not practical to replace the tiles until the work is complete.

Per your request, I am planning to conduct testing for dust in a few weeks as a follow up to the recent testing performed by a third party.

Feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Warnow, OCM BOCES Safety Officer

CC: Jerry Bishop, Director of Facilities, Tully CSD
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