

PEA Committee on Worksite Safety & Health Report

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Joseph J. Mazur, Jr. Chairperson,

December 9, 2009

File # - **05-105, 05-107** **PEOSH File # C70-08-097**

Worksite : **PS #5**

Subject: Water Damage

Description : Water damage, falling plaster, possible mold; Roof Leaks causing water damage to ceiling and walls.

Results : -Complaint filed with District 11/04/2005, No response. PEOSH complaint filed 09/22/2006, PEOSH inspection 10/26/2006 without Association representation, One serious violation in three locations was found along with two other-than-serious violations building wide. **Abatement Date** – January 5, 2007, Penalty of \$500 per serious violation and \$300.00 per other-than-serious violation per day after 01/05/2007. PEOSH informal conference on 01/10/2007 with PEA representation. Roof project is with SCC.

-Grant for \$250 million is scheduled but unfunded, District will ask for **extension** until funds are released.

-District asked on 08/20/2007 for **another extension** to abate the problem. The new abatement date is January 15, 2008

- PEOSH complaint referred on 01/16/2008 and combined with 07-101; 07-107, and 07-108.

- District asked for a **third extension**.

- PEA commented on the extension request on 02/21/2008. PEOSH responded on 03/29/2008

- PEOSH stated the District has not provided documentation that a structural engineer determined that the building was safe for employees. PEOSH stated the District cordoned off the area and removed employees from the area. This was the reason extensions were granted in the past. ***This is NOT true.***

-District asked for **another extension** on 08/27/2008, with no final abatement date stated.

-District asked for **another extension** on 11/20/2008.

-In a letter dated May 6, 2009, PEOSH is asking the District for a current update of the repair process before any additional extensions will be granted.

A meeting and walkthrough between PEOSH, the District, and PEA took place on 10/05/2009. PEOSH has requested that an action plan be submitted to them regarding when and how all of the outstanding violations are going to be abated.

Status : **Open.** At the 05/07/2008 JLMH&S meeting the district stated \$100m is available statewide from the state to repair emergency projects. PS #5 roof is on the list. A preliminary inspection was done by the State which overlooked several major problems including damaged parapets, brickwork which needs pointing, and improperly installed univent grills. (JLMS&HC 12/15/2008)

This project was switched from an “emerging project” under the School Development Corporation to a grant which will be administered by the District. Anticipated start of the repairs will be in Spring 2010 after an engineering study and bids have taken place. (JLMH&SC meeting 09/17/2009)

File # : **06-105**

Worksite : **PS #20**

Subject: Dumpster

Description : Dumpster area is unsanitary. Water valve and hose requested for custodian to clean area.

Results : -Complaint filed with District 12/12/06.

-PEOSH complaint filed

-PEOSH inspection conducted 02/22/2008 during our President’s Day vacation without PEA Representation.

-Awaiting PEOSH report.

-District installed a freeze-free valve in November 2009.

Status : **Closed.**

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File # : **07-101**

Worksite: **PS #5**

Subject: Water infiltration.

Description: Ceilings leak during rain, falling paint and plaster in rooms 216, 218, 220, guidance and VP offices.

Results: -Complaint filed with district 10/17/2007.

Status : **Open.** *(Combined with 05-105)*

File # : **07-102**

Worksite : **PS #5**

Subject : Security Cameras.

Description : Security cameras not working inside and outside of building.

Results : -Complaint filed with district 10/17/2007.
-Business Administrator asked for crime statistics for the area. Quotes were received by the Facilities Department for the replacement of the DVR and repair/replacement of the cameras.

Status : **Open.**

File # : **07-107**

Worksite: **PS #5**

Subject : Water Infiltration – gym.

Description : -Water infiltration causing peeling paint and falling plaster from gym ceiling.
-Complaint filed with District 12/14/2007.

Status : **Open –** *(Combined with 05-105)*

File #: **07-108**

Worksite : **PS #5**

Subject : Water Infiltration – back stairwell.

Description : -Water leaks from ceiling and walls causing falling paint and plaster in back stairwell.

Result: -Complaint filed with District on 12/14/2007.

Status : **Open.** *(Combined with 05-105)*

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File #: **07-112** **PEOSH File #C70-08-131**

Worksite: **John F. Kennedy High School**

Subject: Stair treads / handrails.

Description: -Stair treads are badly worn, some stair edges are chipped. Some handrails are missing.
-Some stairs over 96” in width lack center handrail.

Result: - PEOSH consultation observed these problems.
-PEOSH complaint filed 01/14/2008.
-PEOSH inspection conducted 01/20/2008 with PEA representation.
-4 serious violations in 16 locations were found including:
- missing handrails.
- Loose handrails.
- worn stair treads.
- broken exit light.
-Abatement date 04/16/2008.
-Penalty of \$90.00 per violation per location after 04/16/2008.
-Closed by PEOSH.

Status: **Closed.** –

District asked to an extension on April 10, 2008 to increase the abatement date to October 16, 2008. - District asked for **another extension** on 09/24/2008 to 02/15/2009 in order to complete the stair tread replacement. Most treads have been replaced by a contractor, and a few more need to be completed. Extension was granted by PEOSH on 10/09/2008.
A few stair nosings must still be replaced in the gym. This will be done by the Facilities Department. (JLMS&HC 12/15/2008) District installed remaining nosings. (JLMH&SC

File #: **07-118**

Worksite: **PS #5**

Subject: Lock/Keys

Description: -Many classroom door locks are lacking keys. Rooms cannot be locked in an emergency situation.

Result: -Complaint filed with District on 04/25/2008.

Status: **Open.**

File #: **07-119**

Worksite: **PS #5**

Subject: Water leak.

Description: -Water leaked into room 223. Stained ceiling tiles possible developing mold.

Result: -Complaint filed with PEOSH on 04/25/2008.

Status: **Open.** (Combined with #05-105)

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File #: 08-115

Worksite: Public School # 12 **PEOSH #: C70-08-165** **Inspection #: 312509847**

Subject: Stairs/Stairwells

Description: -Condition of interior and exterior stairs is poor. Broken stair treads, deteriorating treads, painted-over non-skid surfaces, lack of required handrails, improperly sized handrails, and improperly angled stairs are some of the problems.

-A e-mail sent by the Association to Mike Maglio, Director of Facilities, to review the problems went unanswered.

-PEOSH Complaint filed on 03/09/2009.

-PEOSH/ Labor inspection conducted 03/24/2009 with PEA representation.

-PEOSH report dated 03/31/2009 received.

-Eleven “Serious” violations in 28 locations cited including:

- Broken ceramic floor tiles.
- Lack of handrails on stairs over 44” but less than 88”
- Lack of center handrails on stairs over 88 inches wide.
- Handrails not turned into supporting walls.
- Improper handrail wall clearance.
- Broken stairs.
- Improperly angled stairs.
- Lack of anti-skid nosings.
- Broken sidewalk.
- Wood plank causing a tripping hazard in an egress passageway.

-A meeting and walkthrough by PEOSH, the District and PEA took place on 10/05/2009. PEOSH has requested that an action plan be submitted to them stating when and how the outstanding violations are going to be abated

Status: **Open**

File #: 08-117

Worksite: PS #7

Subject: Leaking Roof

Description: -Several years ago some roofing work was done. The ceiling collapsed in the auditorium, over the stage. It took a long time to repair. It is now leaking again. A work order was submitted on December 1, 2008. No action has been taken to resolve this problem.

Result: -Complaint filed with District on 05/12/2008.

Status: **Open.**

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File #: 09-101

Worksite: **PANTHER Academy**

Subject: IAQ

Description: Rooms and hallways are very hot. Windows do not open. HVAC not functioning properly.

Result: -Complaint filed with District on 09/15/2009.
-Outside contractor (Trane) was at the facility on 09/16/09 for several days to repair the problem.

Status: **Open.**

File #: 09-102

Worksite: **District Wide**

Subject: IAQ – HVAC Filters

Description: Private contractor Sodexo are not providing HVAC filters as required under their contract with the District, thus the District is not complying with their own Indoor Air Quality Program.

Result: -Complaint filed with PEOSH on 09/24/2009.

Status: **Open.**

File #: 09-103

Worksite: **P.S. # 12**

Subject: Fluorescent Light Ballasts

Description: Many fluorescent light ballasts are burnt out in several rooms.

Result: -Complaint filed with the District on 10/22/2009.
-Electricians came to replace ballasts and relocated one high fluorescent fixture. One additional fixture needs to be relocated.

Status: **Open.**

File #: 09-104

Worksite: **P.S # 5**

Subject: Heat

Description: -Basement room does not have any heat since the space heaters were removed last year..

Result: -Complaint filed with the District on 11/xx/2009.
-At the JLMH&SC meeting on 12/01/2009, issue was said to have been repaired and resolved.
-After repairs to the piping system were made, the circuit board in the unit was found to be bad. The new board is in stock and should be installed shortly as per Mr. Maglio on 12/07/2009.

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Status: **Open.**

File #: **09-105**

Worksite: **International High School**

Subject: Bathrooms

Description: Bathrooms are not cleaned by the custodial contractor Sodexo, properly, resulting in unsanitary conditions since September 26, 2009..

Result: -Complaint filed with the District on 11/12/2009.

Status: **Open.**

File #: **09-106**

Worksite: **John F. Kennedy High School**

Subject: HVAC

Description: Univent in Room 206 has most major parts removed for the past 2 years, resulting in an inoperable unit.

Result: -Complaint filed with the District on 11/16/2009.

Status: **Open.**

File #: **09-107**

Worksite: **PS # 5** **PEOSH # C70-08-162** **Inspection # 312674344**

Subject: Electrical Hazard

Description: During an inspection by PEOSH regarding the progress on the roof repairs on 10/05/2009, an electrical outlet in the third floor vice principal's office had a live wire exposed.

Result: -Order-to-comply issued by PEOSH on 11/12/2009 cited one serious violation in one location.
-Reinspection by PEOSH on 11/12/2009 revealed the hazard had been abated.

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File #: 09-108
Worksite: **Great Falls Academy / Building #16**
Subject: Indoor Air Quality
Description: -Several staff members are experiencing breathing problems while in the building.
Result: -Complaint filed with the District on 12/01/2009.
Status: **Open.**



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This report was completed on December 7, 2009 and contains all information provided to this Committee by the worksite as of this date.

An “**E**” after the file number designates that the complaint was filed through e-mail to the District. No written complaint form was sent. Should the problem continue, and a written complaint sent to the District, or a PEOSH complaint filed, the “**E**” designation will be dropped.

The following complaints need updating by the worksites. Please respond in writing as to the status of the complaint and if the problem still exists:

09-102 PANTHER HVAC

IF SCHOOLS FAIL TO RESPOND AND INFORM THIS COMMITTEE, OPEN COMPLAINTS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS “CLOSED” AFTER TWO (2) REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.

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Any errors which are discovered in the content of this report should be made in writing to :
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