



**PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



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# **FACILITIES DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

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P.S. 03  
PROGRAM RELOCATION DUE TO  
STRUCTURAL DEFECTS WITHIN THE  
BUILDING

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- Built in 1899 – It is approx. 124 years old
- The building is 52,689 square feet
- Enrollment of Approx. 302 students – grades K-8
- There are 21 general Classrooms (No standard gym, cafeteria, media center, and staff bathrooms)
- The building is educationally inadequate



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## P.S. 03 EXISTING CONDITIONS

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- The structural failure of ceilings throughout the building led to the program relocation
- A section of plaster ceiling had separated from the wood lath structure and collapsed
- The lath ceiling type exists throughout the building and contains asbestos. **When intact, the ceiling posed no hazard**





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## P.S. 03 EXISTING CONDITIONS CONT...

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- In previous years, the cost of abating asbestos in various classrooms exceeded \$400,000.
- To abate all classrooms and hallways ceilings will cost approximately \$2.1 million.
- The schedule to complete the abatement will be approximately 16 weeks or by the first week of January 2024.
- Out of an abundance of caution, the building will be closed until further notice.

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## P.S. 03

# PROGRAM RELOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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- An attendance zone was established for P.S. 03.
- All students who attend P.S. 03 were geo-coded based on their current address relative to neighborhood schools.
- Of the 302 students, 55 students (3rd through 8th grade) were found to reside outside the school zone. Those students will be sent to their neighborhood schools.
- Of the students who reside within the school zone, the k- 2 students will be relocated as a cohort to Dale Avenue School, and the 3rd through 8th students will be relocated to Martin Luther King Elementary School also as a cohort.
- A single Cog Mild class of 12 students will be relocated to P.S. 28 as a cohort.

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## P.S. 03 PROGRAM RELOCATION

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Facilities will continue to work with all departments to help place students and staff in appropriate educational settings and to identify any anomalous needs or requirements of the displaced educational cohorts.