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Mr. Kenrick Sifontes
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Re: Status Update on Recommendations in the OSC's Audit Report of the DOE's Health, Safety, and Accessibility in District 75 Schools (2019-N-7)

Dear Mr. Sifontes:

This letter constitutes the New York City Department of Education's (DOE) status update on recommendations made by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) on the DOE's Health, Safety, and Accessibility in District 75 Schools (Report).

The DOE is providing the following update on the status of these recommendations:

1. *Improve oversight of District 75 schools' compliance with applicable health and safety laws and regulations.*

Consistent with our current practices, when new health and safety regulations related to the pandemic were issued, our office updated its COVID protocols and shared them with schools and relevant stakeholders.

Date of Implementation: Ongoing.

2. *Coordinate with DSF and the NYC School Construction Authority to maintain a clean and safe environment in District 75 schools.*

The recommendation was implemented, inasmuch as the recommendation conforms with longstanding DOE practice.

Date of Implementation: The mechanism pointed to in the recommendation was in place prior to the audit report's recommendation made to the DOE.

3. Ensure that District 75 school buildings are ADA compliant and accessible.

The recommendation was implemented, inasmuch as the recommendation conforms with longstanding DOE practice.

Date of Implementation: The mechanism pointed to in the recommendation was in place prior to the audit report's recommendation made to the DOE.

4. Work with District 75 schools/students co-located in DOE general education school buildings to ensure they have full access to all programs, facilities, and equipment available at the co-located general education schools.

The recommendation was implemented, inasmuch as the recommendation conforms with longstanding DOE practice.

Date of Implementation: The mechanism pointed to in the recommendation was in place prior to the audit report's recommendation made to the DOE.

5. Ensure that an adequate supply of EpiPens are available at District 75 schools.

The recommendation was implemented, inasmuch as the recommendation conforms with longstanding DOE practice.

Date of Implementation: The mechanism pointed to in the recommendation was in place prior to the audit report's recommendation made to the DOE.

Sincerely,



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