



**Santa Monica-Malibu
Unified School District**
John Muir - SMASH Elementary School

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Findings Report
Building Envelope Investigation

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

John Muir – SMASH Elementary School Campus located in Santa Monica, California, is comprised of four building groups which include classrooms, a cafeteria, a music room, an administration building, and technology rooms. The main buildings are grouped as building groups A, B, C, and D. The campus was originally built in 1996 and modernized in 2001. The 2001 modernization included new classrooms and elevated walkways. The buildings are Type V construction and are approximately 45,000 GSF. The walls are clad in cement plaster with both hollow metal and aluminum framed windows. Architectural elements and canopies have been installed on the elevations of many of the buildings. The higher steep-sloped roofs are topped with asphalt shingles while the low slope roofs are a mix of modified SBS roof materials and are coated with an unknown coating.

Recurring leaks have been reported at multiple locations. Window testing was carried out in December of 2017, it is unclear if remedial work was done to correct leaks discovered at that time. Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District hired Alta/NV5 to inspect and test areas where biological growth was suspected. A remediation report was issued in March of 2022 after a visual inspection of the campus in June of 2021. DTR was not present for the previous inspection. Water intrusion was documented by the Architect (Little) during site visits dated May 25, and July 26, 2021.

A current modernization project was underway during the site visit on April 5 and 6, 2022. Hollow metal-framed door assemblies were being replaced, a new HVAC system was being installed and various exterior surfaces were being painted.

1.2 Weather Conditions

The weather conditions during the investigation on Tuesday, April 05, 2022, in Santa Monica were generally sunny and calm, with temperatures ranging from 55 to 73 degrees F, with relative humidity ranging from approximately 53 to 90%. The average wind speed was 5.2 M.P.H., during the investigation. The weather conditions during the investigation on Wednesday, April 06, 2022, in Santa Monica, were generally sunny and calm, with temperatures ranging from 58 to 73 degrees F, with relative humidity ranging from approximately 41 to 90%. The average wind speed was 6.8 M.P.H. The most recent precipitation measured 1.09-inches and fell on March 29th (seven days prior to the site visit).

2. EXISTING BUILDING CONDITIONS - OBSERVATIONS

2.1 General Observations

The exterior and the interior of the buildings were examined thoroughly during the investigation. Representatives from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Little Architects walked the site with DTR and discussed current conditions and locations of known leaks and water damage. School district staff also discussed corrective work (painting and repairs) that have been made over time.

A contractor was on-site working to remove and replace hollow metal frames at several classroom entry doors. The exterior stairs were being repainted during the site visit. Prior to DTR arriving much of the campus had recently been repainted. New HVAC systems had recently been installed at several locations. Some of the mechanical equipment installations had not been completed at the time of the site assessment.

2.2 Exterior Vertical Enclosure Observations

2.2.1 Cement Plaster Wall Systems

The buildings are in heavy use by the student body and show much of the wear and tear associated with school campuses with young students. Impact and abrasion damage was present in the lower areas of the walls and was more prevalent at corners and entry points (**Photos 01 – 05**).

The exterior walls have numerous penetrations including electrical conduits, canopy mounting brackets, and HVAC and plumbing pipes. Many of the penetrations were not part of the original construction. In some locations (e.g. fire pull stations) sealant had been added to the perimeter of the penetrations. It is unclear if the sealant was applied due to water leaks or to aesthetically close the openings around the penetrations. In other locations, penetrations appeared to have been abandoned and not properly sealed (**Photos 06 – 15**). Some of the penetrations in the cement plaster assembly have been made for mounting items on the walls including hook and eyelet anchors, drywall fastener attachments, and coat racks attached to the walls with screws. Some of the penetrations appear to be part of the installation of new HVAC equipment and had not been connected to any equipment at the time of DTR's observations (**Photos 16 – 24**).

Cracks, spalling, and chipping were observed in several locations. While deficiencies were observed on every elevation, they were more prevalent along the metal control joint trim, at the base of the walls, and at other transitions (**Photos 25 – 31**).

In several locations, new paint had been applied over the cement plaster. The new application of paint did not match the old finish in color or texture. It was unclear if this was done to cover previously repaired damage, to cover graffiti, or for other reasons (**Photo 32 – 36**).

DTR observed openings along the juncture of cement plaster and roof edge and at the juncture of cement plaster and structural elements. Openings were also observed at expansion joints between buildings and between the raised walkways and the buildings. At some locations, the foam joint covers were loose or had fallen out (**Photo 37 – 40**).

At one location adjacent to the first-floor entry of Technical Room 520 on the south side of building D, the cement plaster j-mold was terminated at a structural member. No sealant was present at the joint leaving a gap in the cladding system. The plywood sheathing was visible through the joint. No building paper or waterproofing was visible at the location. The plywood sheathing was delaminated and appeared to have dry rot damage (**Photo 41 – 43**).

On the east side of building D, DTR observed damage along the wall and window sill behind a newly installed HVAC unit. What appeared to be salt corrosion damage was visible on the cement plaster below a window. Substantial surface deterioration was visible on the face of the cement plaster (**Photo 44 – 45**).

2.2.2 Windows and Doors

Four of the hollow metal-framed door and window units were removed while DTR was on site. After the frames were removed, no flashing, waterproofing, or weather-resistive barrier was observed at the head, sill, or jambs of the rough openings. No substrate repair, waterproofing, or flashing was observed at these locations prior to the installation of the new hollow metal frames.

As each hollow metal frame was removed, DTR was able to observe the wall assemblies as well as the threshold transition to the traffic coating. At the threshold of classroom 480, an expansion joint ran parallel to the door. The expansion joint was meant to allow the elevated walkway to move separately from the building. A sufficient slope to drain was not achieved and standing water was observed in the neoprene water stop at the expansion joint. The neoprene water stop was installed at the same plane as the cement plaster which does not conform to the 2001 drawing set

for the construction of the elevated walkways (**Photos 69 – 72 and Fig 02**). The exposed edge of the exterior plywood wall sheathing was damp to the touch. Moisture readings along the wood door sill framing ranged from 20.1 to 30.6 % moisture. These readings are high enough to result in wood damage. Dry rot and what appeared to be insect damage were also observed along the sill. Water damage was also observed at the upturn of the jambs (**Photos 73 - 79**).

At the other three locations where hollow metal frames were removed, the transition of the deck to the walls did not incorporate an expansion joint. Similar water damage was observed at each threshold. In some locations, such as Classroom 455 and Workroom 252, damage at the transition from the sill to jamb was significant, suggesting that water was moving down between the rough opening and the jambs of the hollow metal frames and collecting on the sill at those corner locations. The exposed edge of the exterior plywood wall sheathing was damp to the touch. Dry rot and what appeared to be insect damage were also observed along the sill. Corrosion was visible at fasteners at the sills and jambs of each door (**Photos 80 – 88**).

As each hollow metal frame was removed, DTR was able to observe the wall assemblies at each location. At the entry to technical room 570, adjacent to the door, the exterior plywood was partially visible below the window. The exterior surface of the plywood was delaminated and rough indicating repeated wetting. Fasteners at the window sill were corroded and easily removed from the framing wood indicating reduced fastening strength. No flashing was observed at the sill or jambs of the rough opening (**Photos 89 - 94**).

DTR observed that some of the hollow metal-framed doors had head flashing such as Technical Room 570, while others did not such as Classroom 480. When the head flashing above the door was removed at Technical Room 570, corrosion was observed along the head of the hollow metal frame. No weep screed was observed in the plaster stop at that location (**Photos 95 – 96**).

There were a variety of window types and sizes on the campus. The hollow-metal framed windows were, for the most part, combined door/window systems that were being removed. However, some of the upper clerestory windows on the saw-tooth roofs were also hollow-metal framed. Windows on the second floor of the light wells also had hollow-metal frames in some locations (**Photos 97 - 100**).

The remaining windows appear to be aluminum framed windows. Some of the aluminum-framed windows were operable and others are fixed. Some of the aluminum windows were inset whereas others were not. Some had weeps while others did not. There was no clear reasoning for the different types of windows or installation methods (**Photos 101 - 104**).

Perimeter sealant had failed at many windows. In other locations, clear gaps were observed between the cement plaster and the window frames. Clear silicone sealant had been installed at some glazing stops, most likely to stop water ingress. Damaged glazing gaskets were visible at some of the aluminum-framed windows (**Photo 105 – 115**). If water leakage resulting from this condition is uncertain.

At one location on the east side of building D, DTR observed damage along the wall and at the window sill behind a newly installed HVAC unit. What appeared to be salt corrosion damage was visible at both the cement plaster and the window frame. The window frames were pock-marked and the substantial deterioration was visible in the cement plaster (**Photo 116 – 118**).

At several locations, corrosion was observed at the bottom of door jambs. In some cases, the paint had been applied over the corrosion. This is consistent with the water damage observed when hollow-metal door frames were removed (**Photo 119 – 122**).

2.3 Exterior Horizontal Enclosure Observations

2.3.1 Roof systems

The campus has two different roofing systems depending on the roof configuration. The steep-sloped roofs are clad with asphalt shingles while the low slope roofs appear to be a built-up-roof (BUR) system. A white coating was added at some point in the life of the structures on top of the

BUR materials. The larger low-sloped roofs are over the cafeteria/music room (building B) and the library and administration offices (building A). Both buildings C and D have small low sloped roof sections as well. The remaining steep-sloped roofs are configured as open gable, sawtooth, and pyramid or hip type roofs (**Photos 123 – 127**).

The BUR systems are past their useful life. Failures were observed in numerous locations. The white coating that had been applied over the BUR had also failed. Large areas of the coating had been worn thin over time. The coating was no longer fully adhered to the BUR roof, or had been damaged in many locations. Holes were also observed in the BUR system at some locations (**Photos 128 – 131**).

During the recent installation of HVAC systems over the multipurpose room, new mechanical curbs were built on several of the low slope roofs. DTR observed that a granulated cap sheet was installed over the new curbs and lapped onto the existing roof membrane. DTR was not present during this work. It is unclear if the coating was removed before the new granulated cap sheet was installed. There is concern that, given its condition, if the coating was not removed, the coating would not allow for proper adhesion of the new granulated cap sheet to the waterproofing layers of the BUR. It is also probable that the existing BUR membrane was too deteriorated to lap a new cap membrane into it (**Photos 132 – 134**).

Open seams were observed in the newly installed granulated cap sheet at the mechanical curbs. Spent tig welding rods were scattered around the roof as well as slag from the welding process. In some locations, small burn marks were also observed on the membrane. DTR suspects that these burn marks were caused by welding over the unprotected roof membrane by the HVAC installers (**Photos 135 – 137**).

Numerous deficiencies were observed in the BUR roofing system. A variety of penetration flashings had been installed including lead flashings capped with sealant joints, abandoned conical flashings, and coating flashings with drip guards. Some of the penetration flashings appeared to be new and part of the HVAC project, while other penetration flashings were aged and appeared to have been part of previous project work (**Photos 138 – 146**).

The sloped roofs are open gable, sawtooth, and pyramid-shaped roofs with asphalt shingle systems. The asphalt shingles are aged, granules are missing from large areas and the shingle reinforcement layer is often visible indicating the loss of the shingle system's waterproofing material. The edges of many of the shingles are brittle and have chipped or broken. In several locations, non-standard repairs were observed. At one location over the multipurpose room, a long swath of mastic had been applied over the lower end of the asphalt shingle roof. Exposed staples and fasteners (contrary to good roofing practice) were visible at the location. It is unclear what had been installed in the area or what damage may have been caused by the staples and fasteners penetrating the shingles (**Photos 147 – 151**).

Significant granule loss from the asphalt shingle roofs was also apparent from the amount of washed-off debris that has built up in various areas. A downspout on building A was blocked and filled with debris. Several of the gutters were partially filled with granules. Corrosion and holes in the gutter system were also visible at several locations (**Photos 152 – 158**).

In several locations, shingle tabs were observed on the roof deck or were missing altogether. Vent pipe penetrations on the shingle roofs were corroded. At one location at building C, a leak was reported under one of these vents. The vent is adjacent to other deficiencies on the roof and the location of water ingress could have more than one contributing factor. Similar corroded vents at other buildings had a self-adhered membrane flashing it to the roof in a nonstandard installation (**Photos 159 – 162**).

A black self-adhered underlayment was present under the asphalt shingles. In many locations, the shingles could be lifted to view the underlayment. In some locations, the underlayment was not fully adhered to the edge-of-roof metal (**Photos 163 - 164**).

Sheet metal flashing on the asphalt shingle roofs showed various signs of age degradation. In some locations, the sheet metal was corroded. A black mastic had been applied to the sheet metal along a roof-to-wall valley. It was unclear if the mastic had been applied as a patch or for some other reason. The mastic was not allowing proper drainage in the valley, granules had built up against the mastic. The mastic was also cracked and had failed (**Photos 165 – 167**).

Sealant was observed at the ends of the sheet metal valley, at the downturn onto the wall. The sealant was cracked and openings were visible. This condition was systemic in many of the sawtooth valleys (**Photos 168 – 169**).

Sheet metal skirt flashing at the skylights was not flat and flush to the roof. In many locations, the fasteners had been pulled loose and were no longer holding the flashing to the roof. The sheet metal has likely been raised by wind over time. Openings left by loose penetrations are possible leak locations and the raised flashings make it easier for wind-driven rain to penetrate the roofing system (**Photos 170 – 172**).

Over the entire length of the wood trim of the sloped roofs, what appeared to be dry rot and insect damage was visible. In one location, approximately twelve (12) inches of trim had broken off the building. In some locations, it appeared that previously damaged areas had been painted over. Similar dry rot and suspected insect damage were observed at the edge-of-roof trim at the bathrooms near the outdoor lunch area. The trim was close to the awning structure and this damage was only visible from directly under the trim. These bathrooms were also reported by Little to have had mold remediation (**Photos 173 – 178**).

2.3.2 Pedestrian Walkways and Stairs

Many of the elevated pedestrian walkways and exterior stairs were built as part of the 2001 modernization project. Approximately 5 years ago, the elevated walkways were resurfaced with a Tremco traffic coating with embedded granules. The traffic coating was flashed up onto the walls below the cement plaster. Nearly all of the plaster system base of wall drainage system weep screeds were blocked or obstructed by the coating directing water behind the traffic coating upturn and into the wall system (**Photos 46 – 49**).

In general, the traffic coating is well adhered to the substrate and in good condition. Several patches were observed around the campus. Blistering and pinholes were observed at several of the traffic coating patches (**Photos 50 – 52**).

At the walkway outside classroom 480, the cement plaster did not have a visible weep screed. The traffic coating on the deck appeared to terminate flush with the cement plaster. After the hollow metal door frame had been removed at that location, DTR observed that a Z-flashing had been installed below the cement plaster. A backer rod had been placed behind the Z-flashing (**Photos 53 – 54**).

Per request of the school district, several of the surface drains were tested outside Classroom 555, on the walkway above Communications room 205, and Kindergarten Classroom 600. Staining was observed under several of the drain assemblies but DTR was not able to recreate a leak when the drains were flooded. In some locations, it appeared that new drain assemblies and plumbing had been installed. Above Kindergarten Classroom 600 there was evidence that the drains had been relocated at some point during the life of the building. Current drains appear to have a 2" opening while the pipes under the deck are larger. Various drain covers were used in different locations, some were round and some were square (**Photos 55 – 62**).

During the flood testing, one of the traffic coating patches outside classroom 555 became saturated. DTR observed that a deficient location on the surface of the patch was allowing water to enter under the waterproofing. No water was observed inside the building during the test (**Photos 63 – 64**).

Steel-framed stairs were located at various locations around the campus. At several locations, corrosion was observed at the metal stair treads and risers. A crew was painting various stairs

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and trim during the investigation. DTR did not observe any surface preparation taking place before the areas were painted. Corrosion damage was still visible in some locations after the new paint had been applied (**Photos 65 – 68**).

2.4 Interior Observations

Evidence of water intrusion was observed and reported at numerous locations in each building throughout the campus. DTR walked the campus with school district staff and discussed leak locations and the types of remediation that had taken place over time. School District staff noted that many of the interiors had been repainted, covering evidence of previous water entry.

Water stains, corrosion, and staining were visible at numerous interior locations of building A. Staining was visible on the ceiling tiles along the outside wall in Room 210B Media Equipment. A hollow metal-framed door and blocked cement plaster weep screeds are located above the Media Equipment Room leak location. (**Photos 179 – 180**).

School District staff informed DTR that several leaks had been observed in Room 200 Media Center/Library. Locations in the library had recently been repainted. Many of the reported leaks were at the wall-to-roof juncture of the patio deck above the center of the north side of the library. A leak was confirmed over the east entry to the Media Center/the Library. Some water marks were still visible. Two (2) HVAC wall vents are located on the exterior of the 2nd floor covered walkway, above the east entrance to the library. The perimeter of those vents was not flashed or sealed and exterior light could be seen at the seams from the interior of the building. Water marks were observed on the ceiling tiles of room 205 communications on the east side of building A. The water stains were along the north perimeter wall, at the junction of the building and the walking deck above (**Photos 181 – 184**).

Water marks, corrosion, and staining were visible at numerous interior locations of Building B. Classroom 415 was reported to have had water intrusion issues at numerous locations and at different times. During the previous mold remediation, the shelves and lower portion of the gypsum board had been removed along the east wall. According to the school district, leaks had continued at the location. The south wall of the classroom was not part of the previous mold remediation. The south wall is directly under the door of classroom 480 where standing water was observed in the expansion joint and the exterior sheathing was found to be damp to the touch. Water stains, peeling paint, and staining were visible on the south wall of the classroom. Towels had been left on the classroom floor in the event of a rain event during the school break. Staining was visible at electrical outlets and the school district stated that water had also percolated through a floor outlet in the center of the classroom during a previous rain event. Staining was observed on the ceiling as well, both adjacent to the south wall and at beams on the north side of the classroom (**Photos 185 – 190**).

Water stains, peeling paint, and staining were visible at several locations in the Multipurpose Room in Building B. Staining was clear above the hanging ceiling over the stage area as well as on the lower surface. Corrosion was visible on many of the structural beams. The south side of the Multipurpose Room ceiling was exposed without finishes (**Photos 191 – 197**).

Water marks, corrosion, and staining were visible at numerous interior locations of Building C. During the flood testing deck drains, DTR was able to make observations of drain assemblies below the decks. While no leaks were observed at the drain assemblies during the testing, DTR was able to observe that multiple drain assemblies had been moved or replaced. While no active water was observed at those drains, evidence of previous leaks were visible in multiple locations. Water marks were found on plumbing pipes, on the top of storage bins, and on the tops of the shelves (**Photos 198 – 201**).

Water marks, corrosion, and staining were visible at numerous interior locations of building D. Ceiling tiles in Room 205 Teacher's Prep were heavily stained. DTR made observations above the ceiling tiles and noted corrosion at several plumbing pipes, water stains on wood surfaces, and possible organic growth. Room 500 Janitor is located above Room 205 Teacher's Prep. Cracks in the concrete floor of the janitor room 500 and the presence of plumbing and drain assemblies in the room are consistent

with the corroded plumbing pipes and water stains observed above the ceiling panels in room 205 Teachers' Prep (**Photos 202 – 206**).

At Teachers' Prep 403, water stains were observed on the walls and corrosion was noted at the bottoms of the door jambs (**Photos 207 – 209**).

On the northeast side of Building D in the room 515 classroom, finishes had been removed under and above a classroom sink. Cardboard had been placed over openings in the interior wallboard. School District staff stated that the finishes had been removed to allow for observations of leak conditions. The interior finishes at the sink in the classroom above Room 515 had also been removed in an attempt to find the leak. This location correlates to deficiencies observed in the roof above this location, including openings in the sheet metal valley, deteriorated shingles, and a corroded roof vent (**Photos 210 – 212**).

During the flood testing of deck drains, DTR was able to make observations of the drain assemblies below the decks. While no leaks were observed at the drain assemblies, DTR was able to observe that multiple drain assemblies had been moved or replaced. DTR was not made aware of nor given any records of any work to move or replace drain assemblies. In many locations, the drain bowls were compressed to the underside of the deck with uni-strut and wood blocking. No anchor bolts were holding the drain bowl to the deck. This is a nonstandard mounting system for drains (**Photos 213 – 215**).

Many of the classrooms had acoustical panels on the ceiling. The panels partially obscured water stains that may have been present. School District staff stated that the ceilings had been painted also. New paint will have further obscured evidence of water stains. Discolored areas were still visible on the acoustical panels. In one location, recessed can lighting had also come loose from the ceiling (**Photos 216 – 219**).

3. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

Much of the at-grade ground surface on campus is covered in hardscape materials. Surface drains through the campus are widely spaced and in a variety of sizes. Some of the landscaping drains are partially covered by landscaping limiting their effectiveness. The hardscape is often uneven and does not promote positive drainage (**Photos 220 – 226**).

At several locations, the awnings attached to the building were corroded at the low point of the hollow metal tubing. It is unclear how water was entering into the awning framework, but it appears to be pooling at low spots and causing corrosion (**Photos 227 – 228**).

What appeared to be a cement plaster texture coat had been applied at numerous curb locations. In some locations, this application blocked the cement plaster drainage system weep screeds from draining. The texture coat at the curbs was often cracked and chipped. Water may have become trapped between the texture coat and the curb, creating weak spots, inhibiting adhesion, and allowing water to saturate through the curbs into the buildings. (**Photos 229 – 232**).

4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 General

The campus buildings are in generally poor-to-moderately poor condition, exhibiting numerous leaks and construction issues. Roofing, including low-slope membrane and steep-slope shingle types, including associated roof flashing and rain drainage, and exterior cladding assemblies, including fenestration and openings, are in generally poor condition, have reached or passed the end of their functional life, and require replacement.

Prior reports prepared by others (e.g. Little, Alta/NV5) have identified various locations exhibiting water intrusion and some conditions where potential biologic growth was noted. The District reports that some

of these areas have been remediated by a subcontractor to the Nazarian Group. Based on DTR's site observations, other locations appear to have had no repair or further review.

Water intrusion is manifested in numerous locations and is likely to be occurring extensively in other locations and going unnoticed where the leakage is concealed by other construction, or the intrusion is occurring in quantities small enough so to be contained within the concealed cavities.

The water intrusion appears to be largely caused by poor construction practices, age and exposure, deferred maintenance, and defective or inappropriate installation of materials, including during relatively recent repair or remediation work.

Numerous locations were observed where water intrusion has created conditions that appear to have a high potential to support biological growth (e.g. photo 81). Due to the length of time that the wall assemblies appear to have remained wet, DTR recommends having the School District engage an Industrial Hygienist to evaluate for possible biological growth.

Evidence of what appears to be insect damage (e.g. photo 73) was also observed in multiple locations, including under second-floor door thresholds and roof edge trim. DTR is not an expert in entomology and we recommend that the School District engage a certified pest control agency to determine the type of insect and the extent of the damage. Suspected locations of insect damage include, but are not limited to, wood roof trim at the sloped roof over the multipurpose room, roof trim on Building D, wood elements under the thresholds of the removed hollow metal framed doors, and various planters around the campus. A thorough investigation is required to identify all locations of potential insect damage.

Field conditions indicate a potential for moderate- to severe damage to the structural frame and load-resisting elements (e.g. photo 85). Further investigations, including a destructive investigation with a Structural Engineer present, should be conducted to ascertain the underlying structural conditions of the buildings and recommend further remedial work if necessary.

- Locations of particular concern include the wall at Classrooms 415 and 480 (e.g. photo 79) (there may be structural damage at both levels on the same wall).

We recommend that these specialists be engaged by the School District immediately, in order to make their investigations, take air, and material samplings, and offer conclusions as soon as possible. DTR and the District's contractor should be present during these investigations which will most likely require further destructive investigation and removal of additional interior or exterior finishes.

4.2 Exterior Vertical Enclosure

The vertical building enclosure system is failing at the cladding, weather control layer, flashings, and sealants. Some of this is due to age and exposure and some is due to design and construction that does not conform to industry best practices (e.g. photo 90).

4.3 Exterior Horizontal Enclosure

The horizontal building enclosure systems are failing at the material level as well as at transitions, accessories, and drainage systems. Roofing materials (at both steep-slope and low-slope roofs) are mostly at or beyond the end of their useful life (e.g. photo 131). Pedestrian traffic coatings are installed in a manner that is leading to water intrusion and damage (e.g. photo 53). Doors lack sill pans and expansion joints are collecting water and leaking.

4.4 Interior

The failures in the exterior enclosure systems are leading to damage to the interiors (e.g. photo 207) of the structures.

4.5 Additional

The site drainage systems are obstructed in several instances (e.g. photo 224) and would benefit from a professional civil engineering assessment.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 General

Consult with a qualified Structural engineer to identify structural damage. Repair or replace damaged structural systems including metal and wood framing, and structural and finish-supporting sheathing as recommended by the Structural Engineer.

Perform an analysis of the existing wall and roof assemblies using hygrothermal modeling software (i.e. WUFI™) to confirm existing assemblies are not creating internal condensation independent of the observed leaks, and to determine the optimum wall, roof, and walkway assemblies. Reconstruct the vertical and horizontal assemblies to comply with the recommendations and current code requirements.

Consult with a qualified environmental cleanup firm to determine if affected areas exhibit organic growth and follow recommendations for remediation.

Consult with a qualified pest control firm to identify insect damage (type and extent), determine if affected areas exhibit live infestations, and follow all recommendations for remediation.

Incorporate deflection, drainage, drying, and durability into the new/repared building enclosure systems. Where practical, provide continuous water, air, thermal, and water vapor control layers as part of the building enclosure systems.

5.2 Exterior Vertical Enclosure

Open walls at selected locations with a Structural Engineer present and obtain a structural evaluation of the walls and remedial recommendations where needed.

Remove all cement plaster and exterior cladding. Replace exterior sheathing and thermal insulation as needed.

Remove and reinstall windows (into properly flashed rough openings). This pertains to ALL windows regardless of type, or material. Replace all damaged windows.

Replace damaged or worn-out hollow metal frames. Consider using flanged frames instead of frames with straps.

Install head flashing at all doors and windows (properly lapped and flashing into the water control layer at the wall assembly).

Properly flash all wall penetrations (existing and new).

Re-clad the building walls, providing liquid-applied WRB on new and existing plywood sheathing, cover with new cement plaster cladding system with code-compliant expansion joints, control joints, sealant systems, and drainage accessories.

Replace all wood trim with new trim materials. Properly prep, paint and seal all exposed vertical exterior surfaces.

5.3 Exterior Horizontal Enclosure

Undertake a complete re-roof (all roof assemblies), including complete removal of existing roofing and flashing, deck repair or replacement, new penetration jacks, vents, edge metal, parapet caps, gutters, and downspouts. Engage a plumbing engineer to verify roof drain, gutter, and downspout sizing are appropriate to meet roof drainage requirements.

Remove and replace roof trim (to remediate insect and dry rot damage).

Open the underside of the elevated walkways (including at stairs) with a Structural Engineer present and obtain a structural evaluation of the walkways and remedial recommendations where needed to address the extent of corrosion and any structural damage.

Install Sill pans at all door thresholds (with back and side legs flashed into the water control layer at rough openings). Integrate new sill pans with pedestrian traffic coatings and new deck-to-wall base flashings at walkways.

Clean, water-test, and check all surface drains on elevated walkways. Check with a plumbing engineer on the existing capacity of elevated walkway drains which appear to be under-sized for the prevailing drainage loads. Inspect and reconstruct edge flashings and tie-ins to wall construction to ensure proper drainage for both walkways and plaster cladding. Repair or replace walkway deck coating.

Some elevated walkways may require re-sloping depending on the results of further investigation

Replace expansion joint accessories or assemblies that are incorrectly located, loose, leaking, lack proper slope, or have fallen out.

5.4 Interior

Repair and re-finish affected interior elements and finishes which have been disturbed by exterior building enclosure repair work, insect remediation, or environmental cleanup. Replace cabinetwork and other interior amenities damaged by water intrusion or other causes.

5.4 Additional

Engage a civil engineer to assess the existing site drainage systems and confirm if the number and size of existing landscape drains are sufficient to drain the areas around them.

7. LIMITATIONS

The recommendations and observations described in this report are intended to address limited objectives related to the intent of the report and are based on a limited survey of existing conditions, documents prepared and provided by others, and visual observations made during a site visit conducted in accordance with the limited conditions described in AIA Document A201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction for field observations and there is no claim, either stated or implied, that all conditions were observed or every deficiency or defect discovered.

Observations describe conditions at the time and date noted and are based strictly on visual observations from ground or interior floor level unless specifically noted otherwise. This information will be the approved record unless written notice to the contrary is received within seven (7) calendar days of the issue date of this document. Written corrections shall be reported to the Preparer of this document.

References to project locations are from construction documents prepared by Dougherty and Dougherty dated 1993 and JE Jacobs Facilities Inc. dated 2001 (both construction document sets were

provided by the District). No materials testing was performed, all observations and recommendations are based on visual evidence, project correspondence, previous field observations, and applied knowledge only.

DTR reserves the right to modify or revise the opinions and recommendations in this report subject to additional or new information being provided. The additional effort required to address changed information or conditions will be provided as additional services.

These recommendations are not a scope of work for remediation nor do they constitute an offer to repair or remediate. Appropriate licensed professionals should be engaged to prepare remedial documentation to develop scope, obtain regulatory approvals and determine accurate construction costs. All means and methods of construction, including excavation support, and shoring of existing elements are the responsibility of others.

These observations and recommendations were made using the same degree of skill and care ordinarily exercised under similar conditions by reputable members of the architectural profession practicing in the same or similar locality at the time of performance.

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We appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust this information meets your present needs. Please contact us with your questions.

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This architectural site plan of the World Trade Center site features several red callout boxes that link specific photo ranges to buildings and areas. The buildings are labeled as BLDG. 'A', BLDG. 'B', BLDG. 'C', and BLDG. 'D'. The callout boxes are as follows:

- Photos 181 - 184 (pointing to BLDG. 'B')
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- Photos (exterior) 128 - 146, 149 - 151, and 173 - 175 (pointing to BLDG. 'B')
- Photos (interior) 191 - 197 (pointing to BLDG. 'B')
- Photos 177 - 178 (pointing to BLDG. 'B')
- Photos 152 - 154 (pointing to BLDG. 'A')
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- Photos 227 - 228 (pointing to BLDG. 'C')
- Photos 198 - 201 (pointing to BLDG. 'C')
- Photos 202 - 206 (pointing to BLDG. 'D')
- Photos 43 - 44 and 116 - 118 (pointing to BLDG. 'D')
- Photos 84 - 88 (pointing to BLDG. 'A')
- Photos 210 - 212 (pointing to BLDG. 'A')
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Fig 01: Campus map, per the 1993 drawing by Dougherty and Dougherty architects. New construction at building B is shown in blue. Photo call-out locations are approximate.

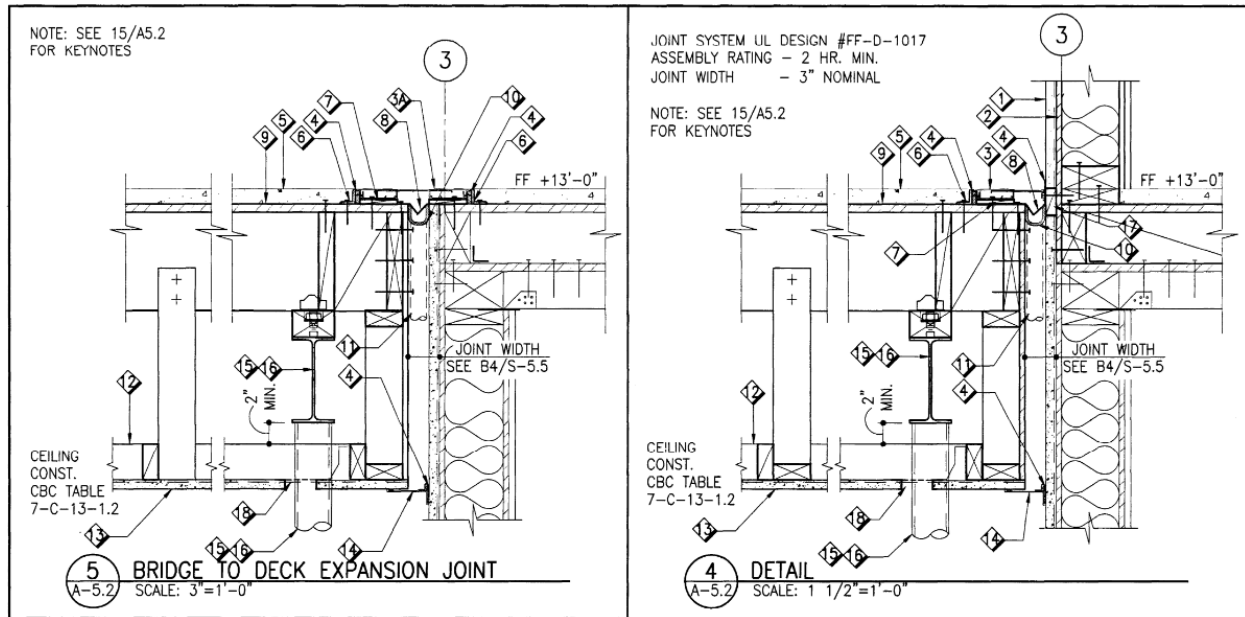
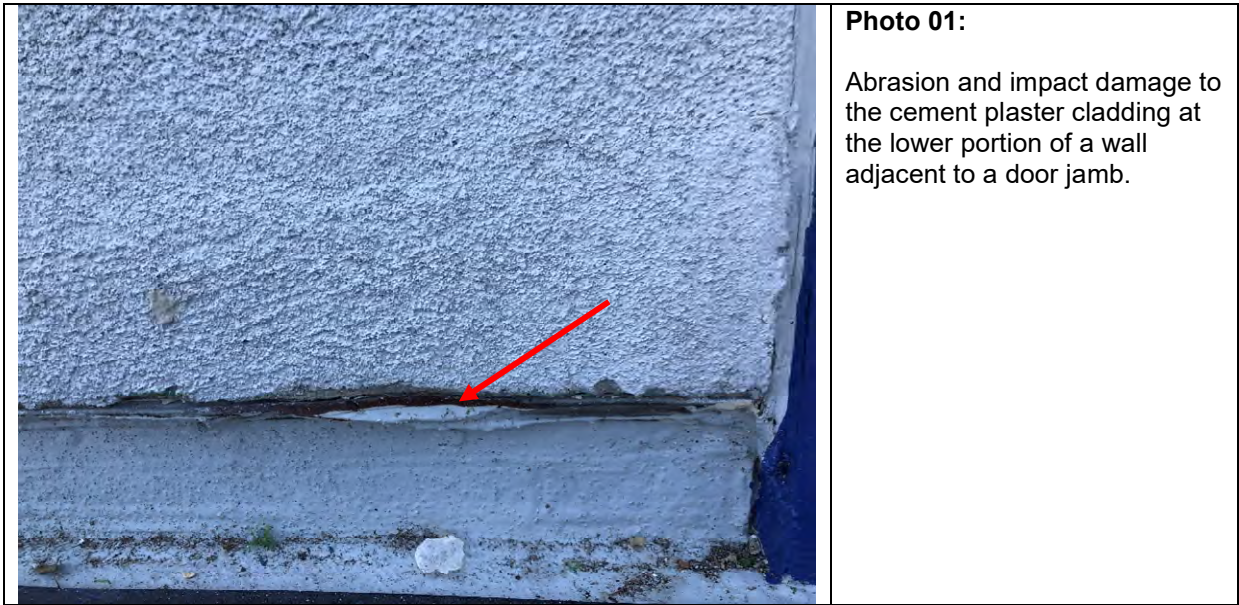


Fig 02: Details 4 and 5 A5.2 of the architectural drawings by JE Jacobs Facilities Inc. dated April 2, 2001.

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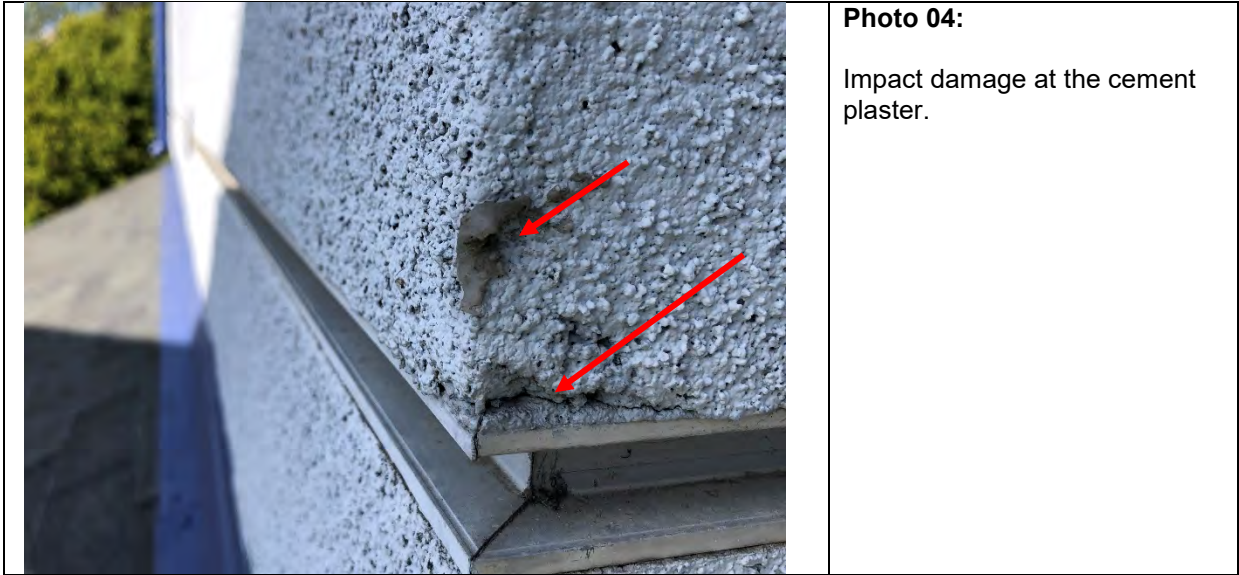
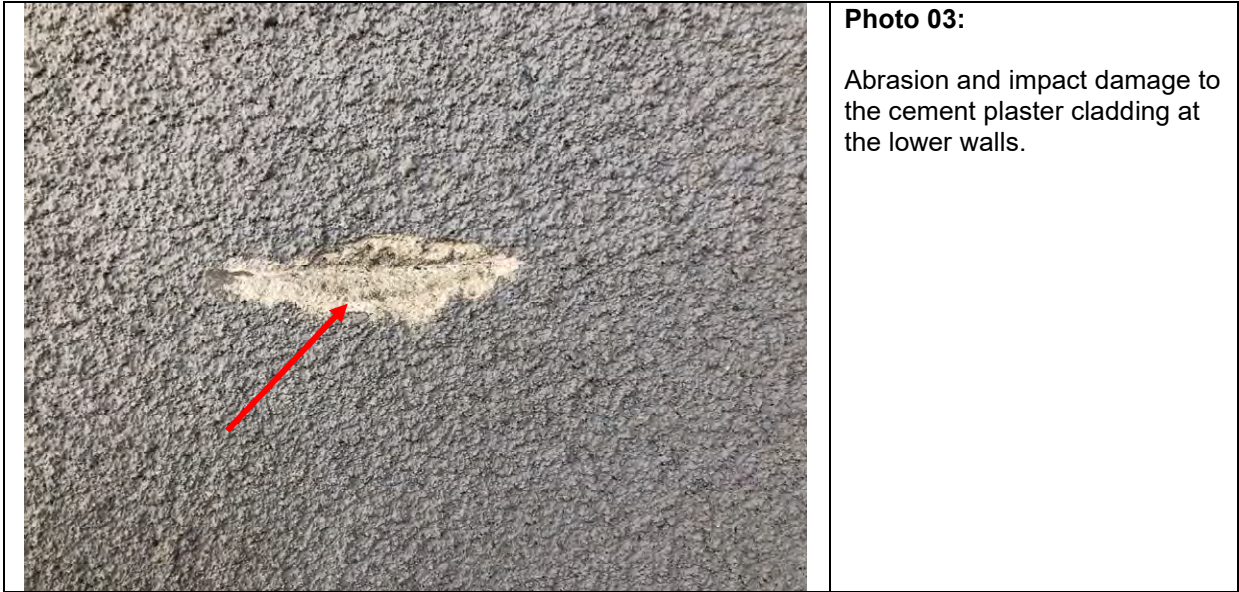




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Abrasion and impact damage at the bottom of a plastered column.

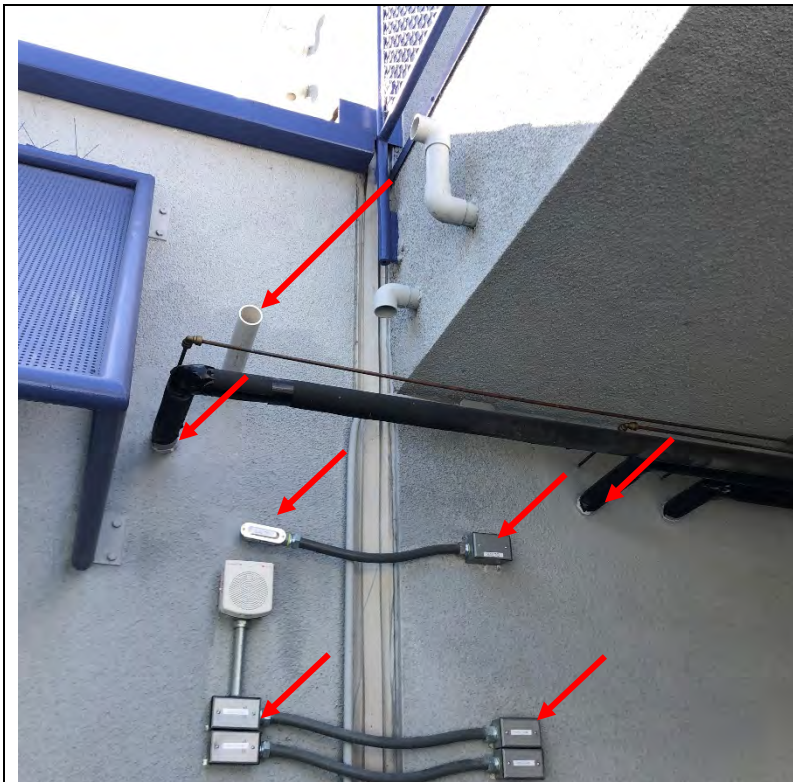


Photo 06:
Penetrations in the cement plaster assembly.

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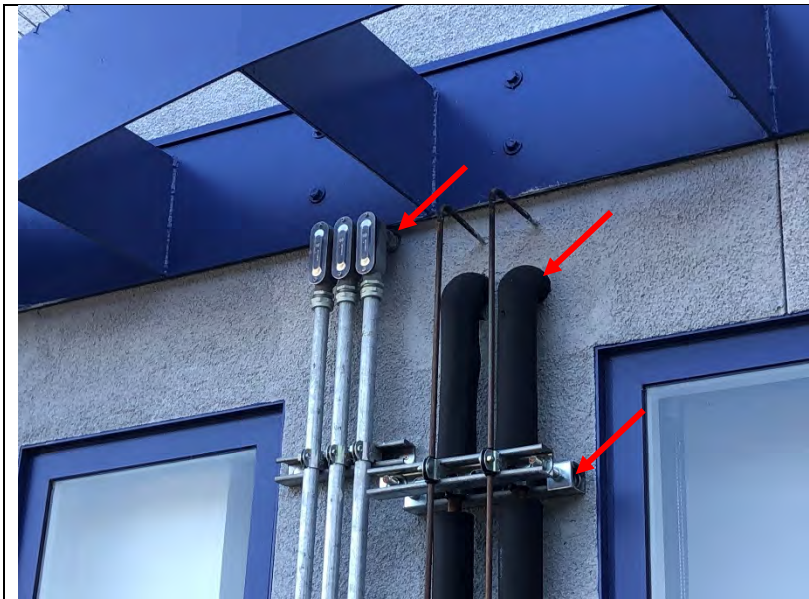


Photo 07:

Penetrations in the cement plaster assembly.



Photo 08:

Penetrations in the cement plaster assembly with no visible sealant.

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Photo 09:
An un-sealed penetration in a cement plaster control joint.



Photo 10:
An open penetration in the cement plaster assembly with no visible sealant.



Photo 11:

Penetrations in the cement plaster assembly.



Photo 12:

Penetrations in the cement plaster assembly with no visible sealant.



Photo 13:
A fire alarm pull penetration in the cement plaster assembly with a failed sealant application.



Photo 14:
A penetration in the cement plaster assembly with a new sealant application.



Photo 15:
A penetration in the cement plaster assembly with a failed sealant application.



Photo 16:
An abandoned penetration in the cement plaster assembly with what appears to be fire caulk (rather than a weather sealant) applied.



Photo 17:
Abandoned penetrations in the cement plaster assembly



Photo 18:
An abandoned penetration in the cement plaster assembly

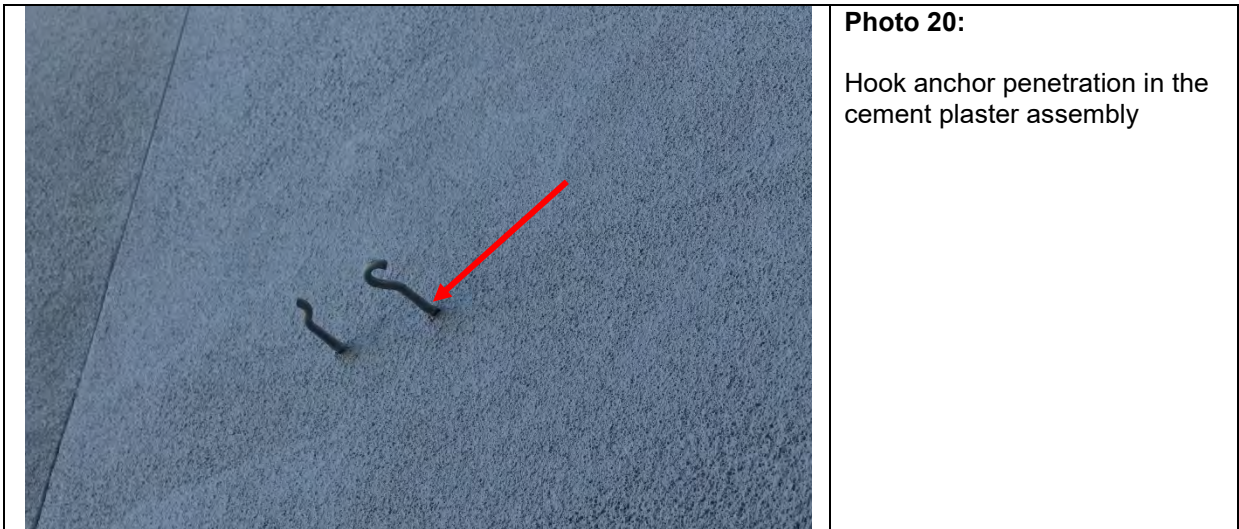
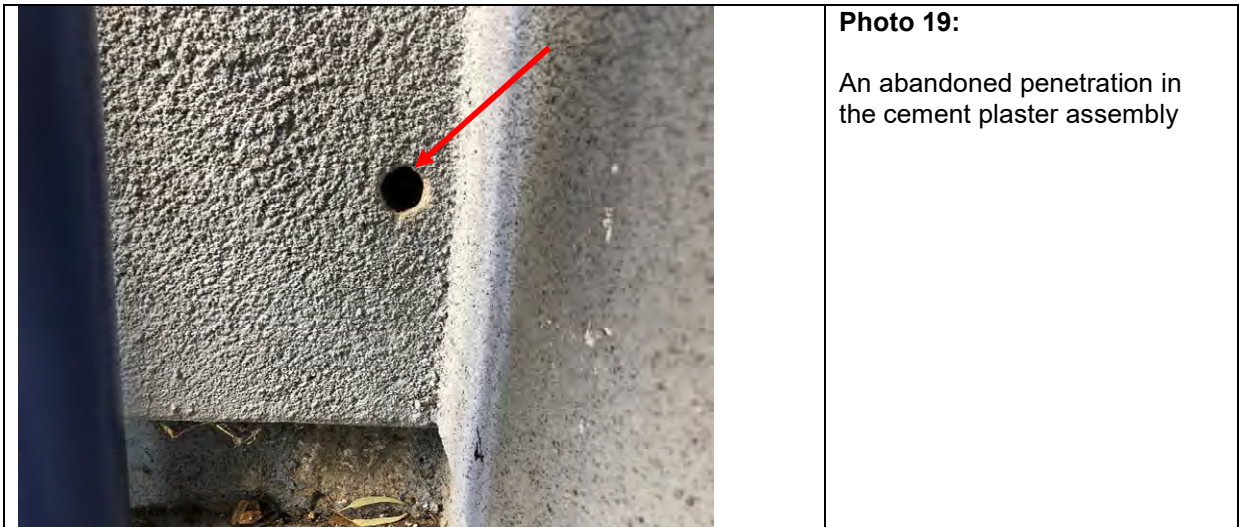




Photo 21:
Hook anchor penetration in the
cement plaster assembly



Photo 22:
Hook anchor penetration in the
cement plaster assembly

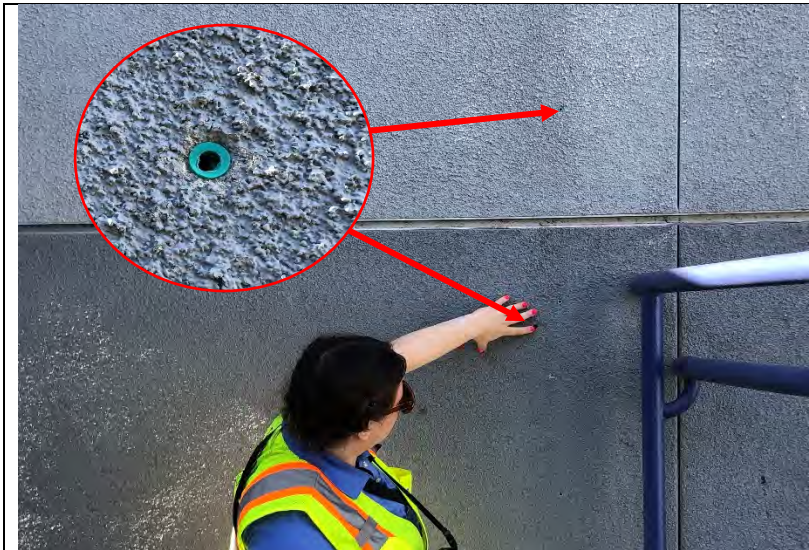


Photo 23:

Drywall anchor penetration in the cement plaster assembly.



Photo 24:

Coat racks were mounted to the cement plaster walls.



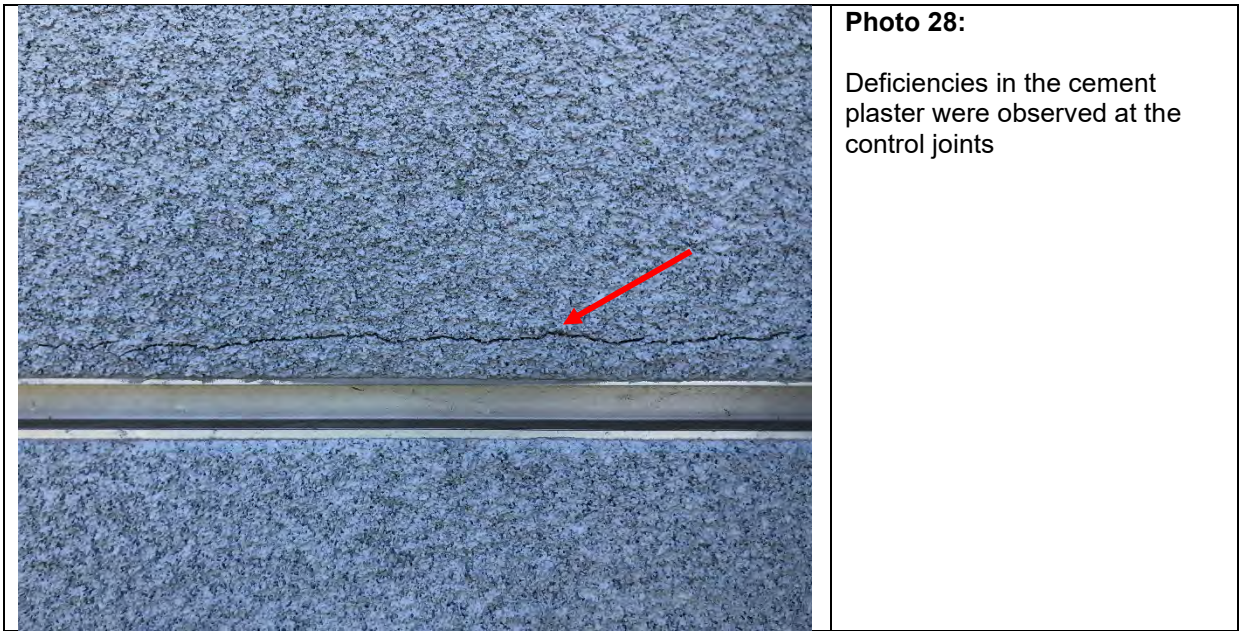
Photo 25:

Deficiencies in the cement plaster were observed at the base of the walls

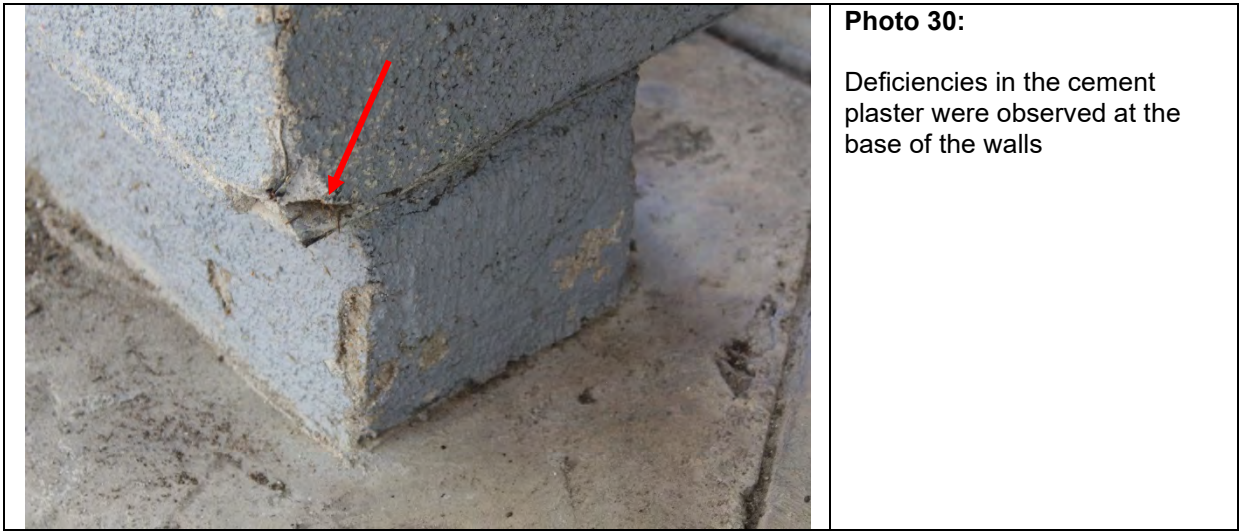
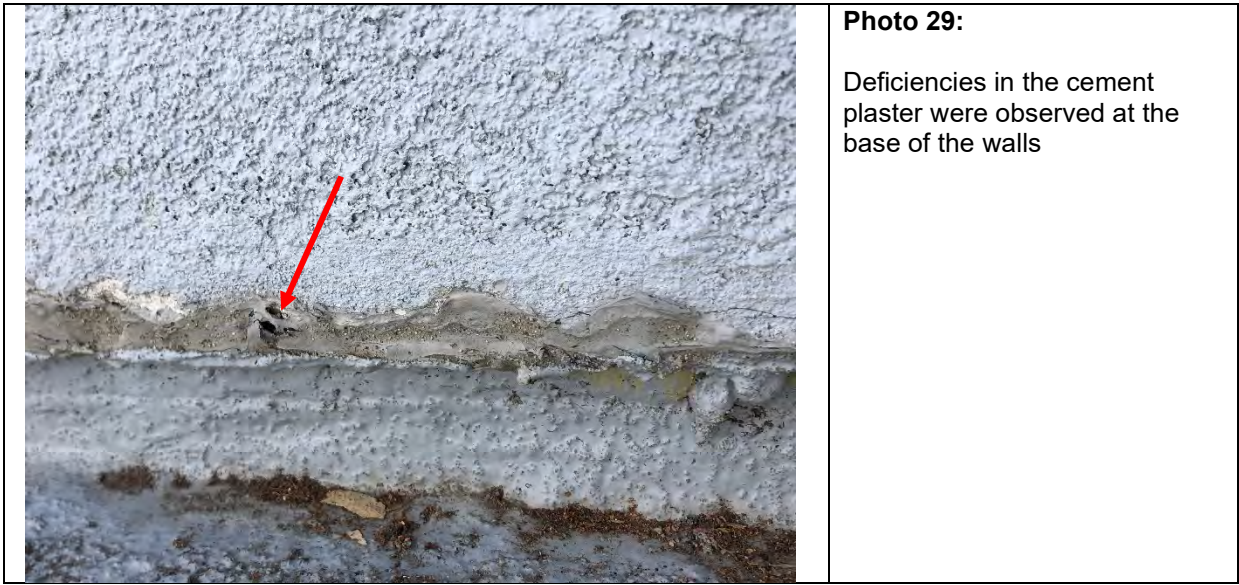


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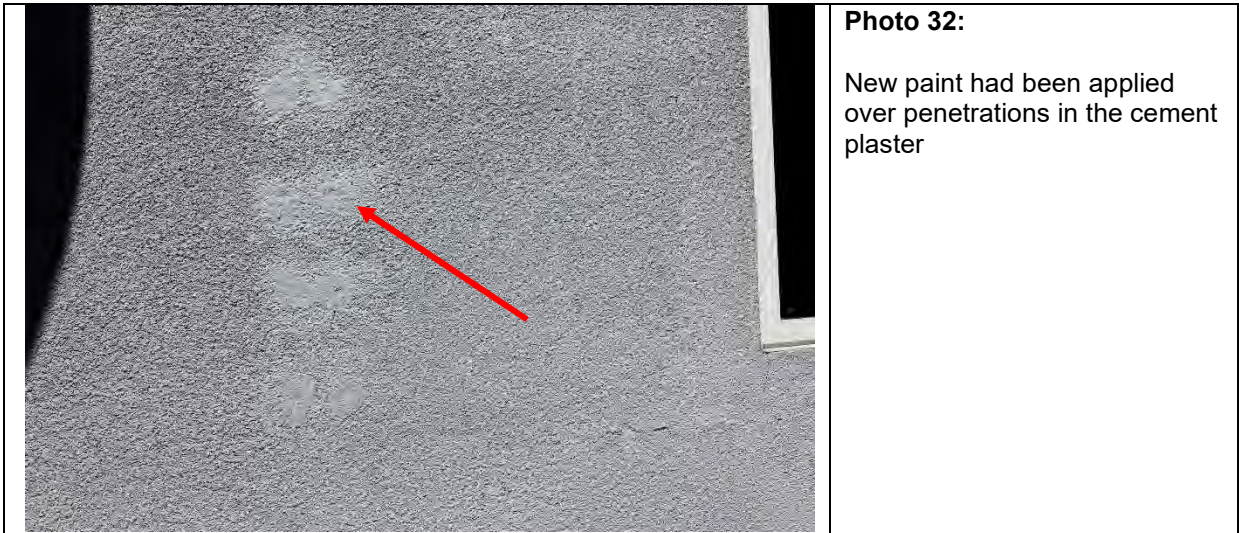
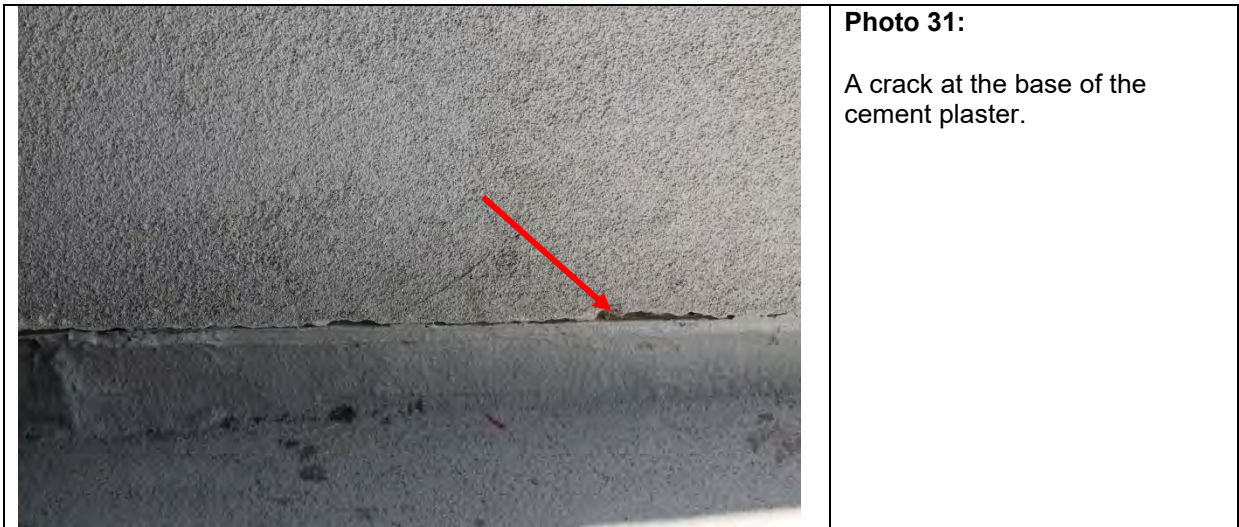




Photo 33:
New paint had been applied over repairs to the cement plaster



Photo 34:
New paint had been applied to the cement plaster above two hollow metal frame assemblies.

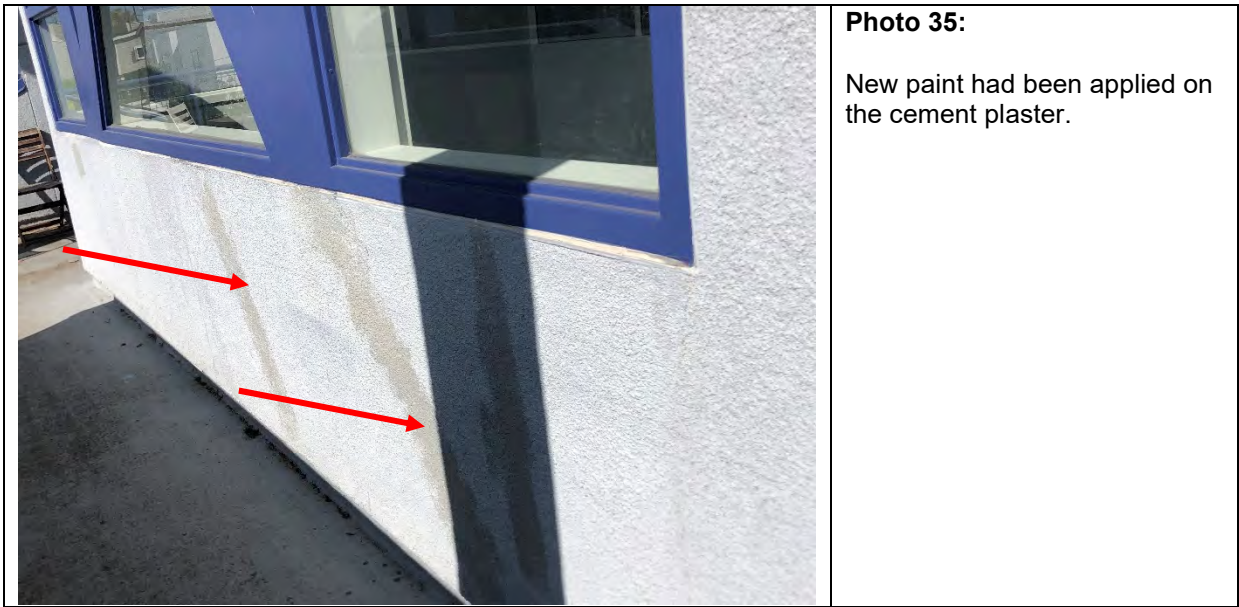




Photo 37:
An opening between metal flashing and the top of the cement plaster assembly.



Photo 38:
An opening at the top of the cement plaster assembly.

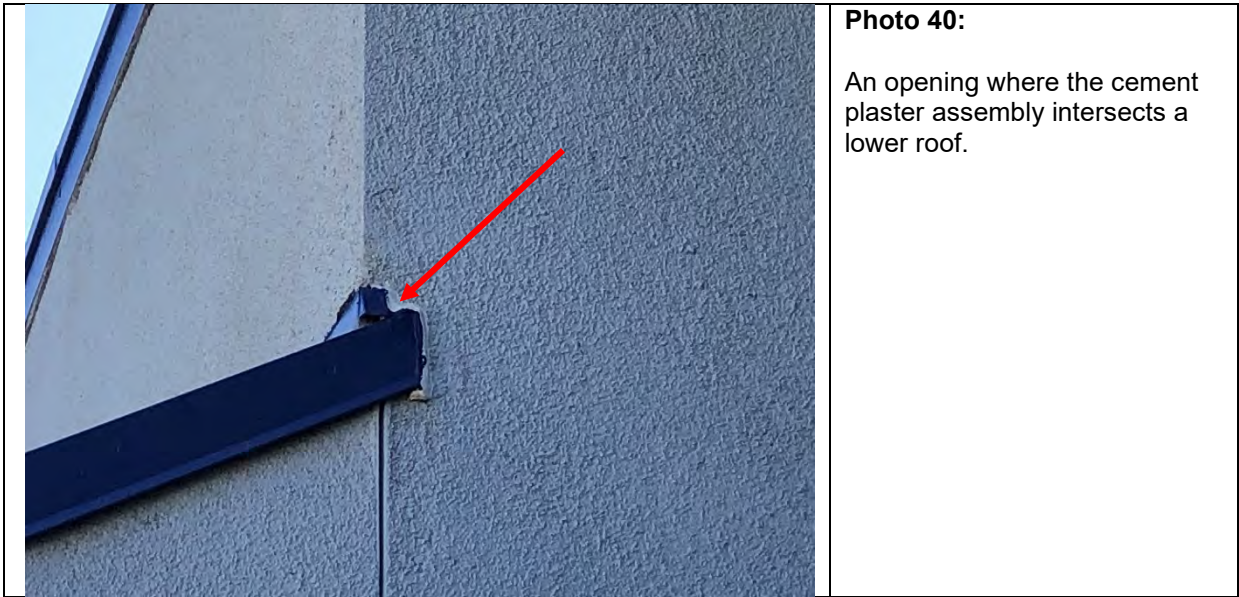






Photo 43:
An un-sealed opening in the cladding system where the cement plaster assembly intersects a structural beam.



Photo 44:
What appears to be salt corrosion of the cement plaster cladding under a window frame on the east side of building D.

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Photo 45:
What appears to be salt corrosion of the cement plaster cladding under a window frame on the east side of building D.



Photo 46:
Overview of the traffic coating on an elevated walkway.

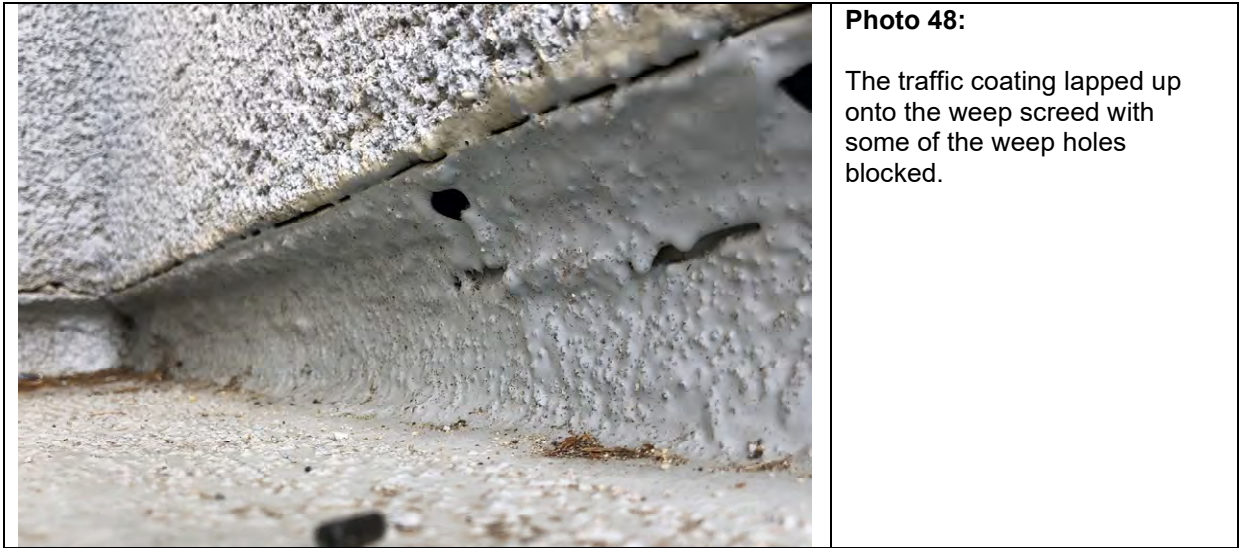
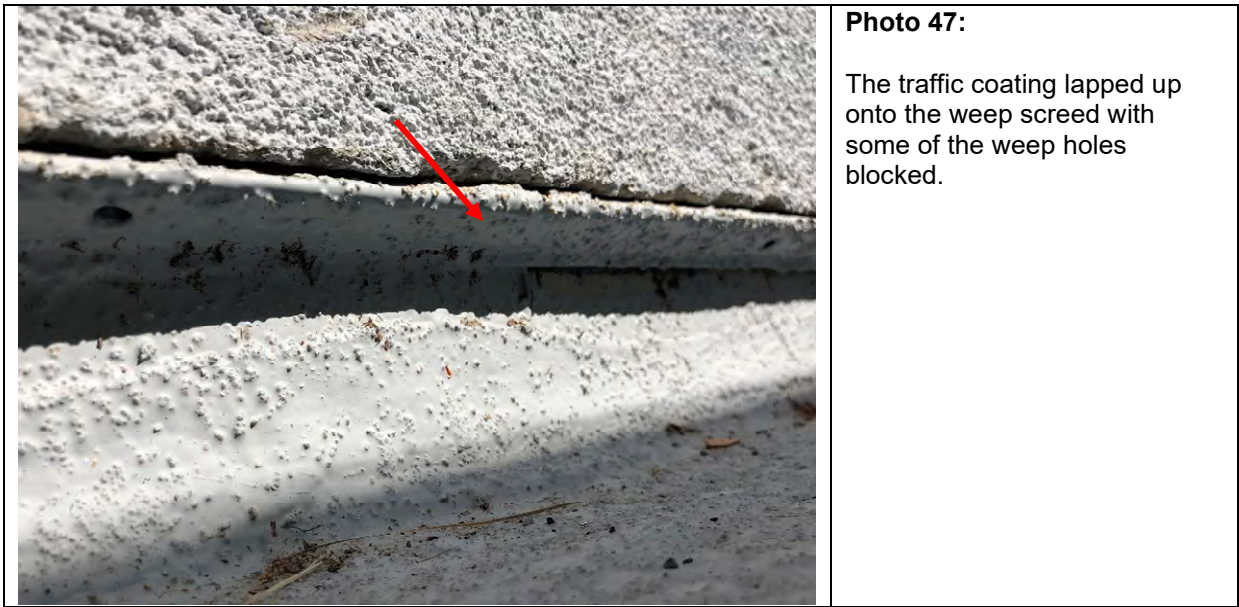
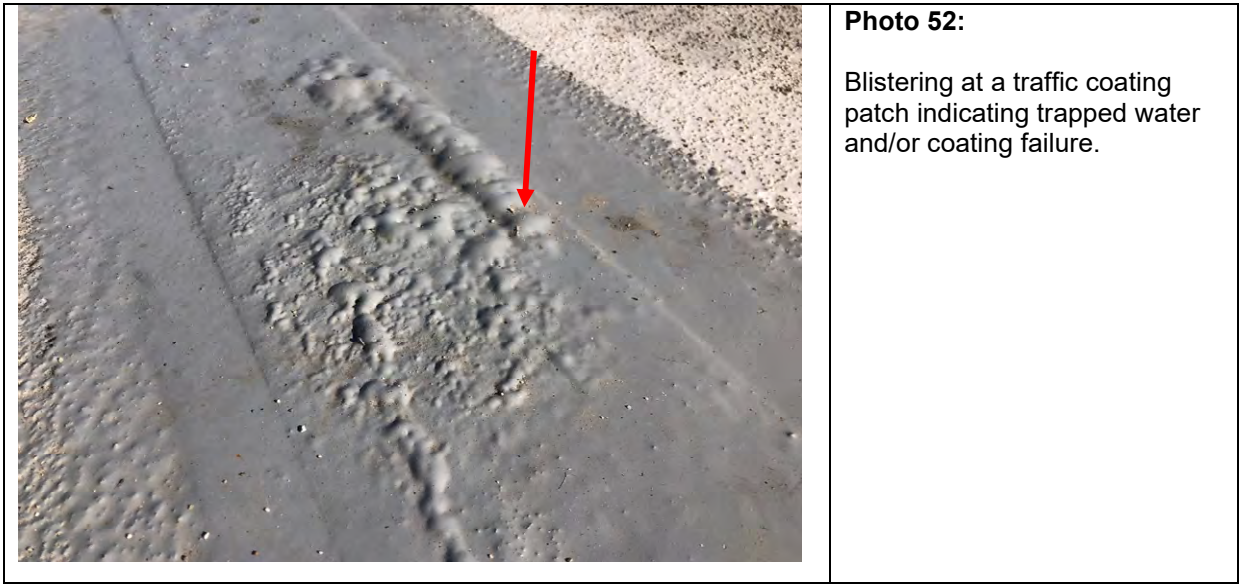
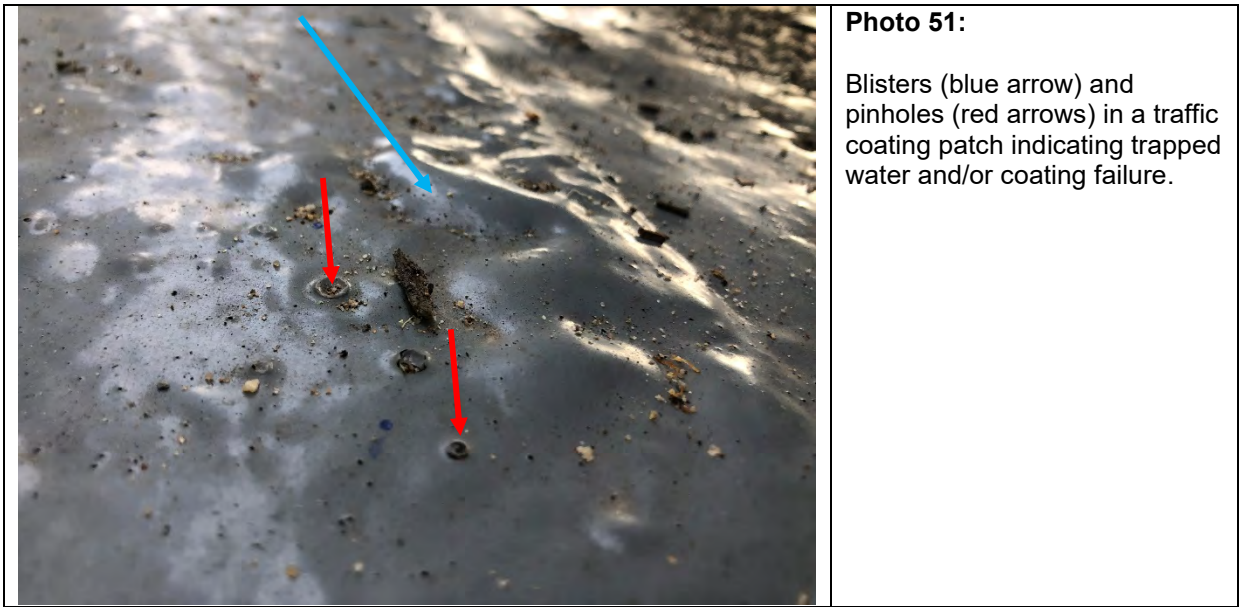




Photo 49:
The traffic coating lapped up onto the weep screed. No weep holes were visible at this location.



Photo 50:
A patch in the traffic coating.



	<p>Photo 53:</p> <p>Z-flashing had been installed below the cement plaster instead of a weep screed. The traffic coating upturn is blocking the drainage path for the cement plaster cladding system and directing the water into the wall framing.</p>
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	<p>Photo 54:</p> <p>Z-flashing had been installed below the cement plaster instead of a weep screed.</p>
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Photo 55:
Flood testing of a square traffic coating drain over Communications room 205.



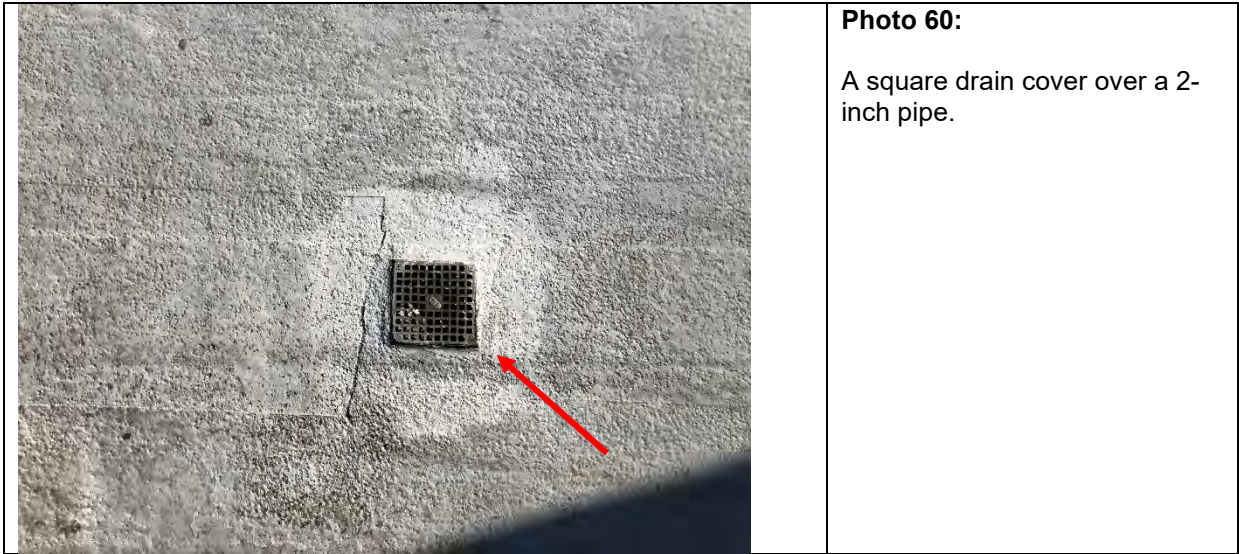
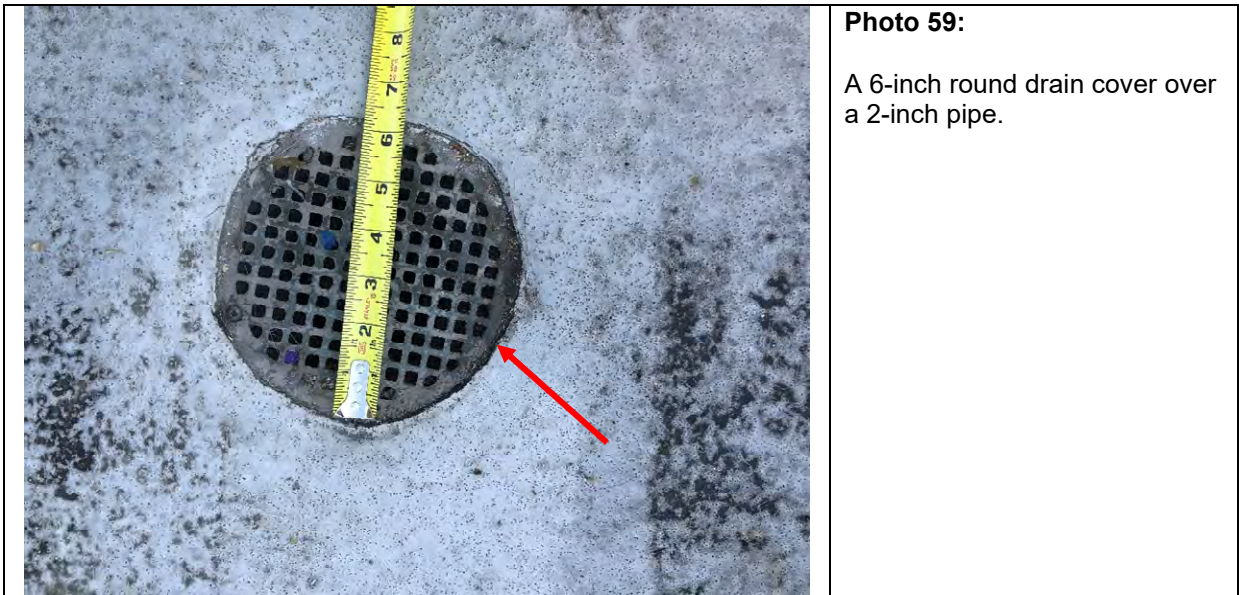
Photo 56:
Flood testing at a drain outside of classroom 555.



Photo 57:
Flood testing outside classroom 555.



Photo 58:
Flood testing a drain on the elevated walkway.



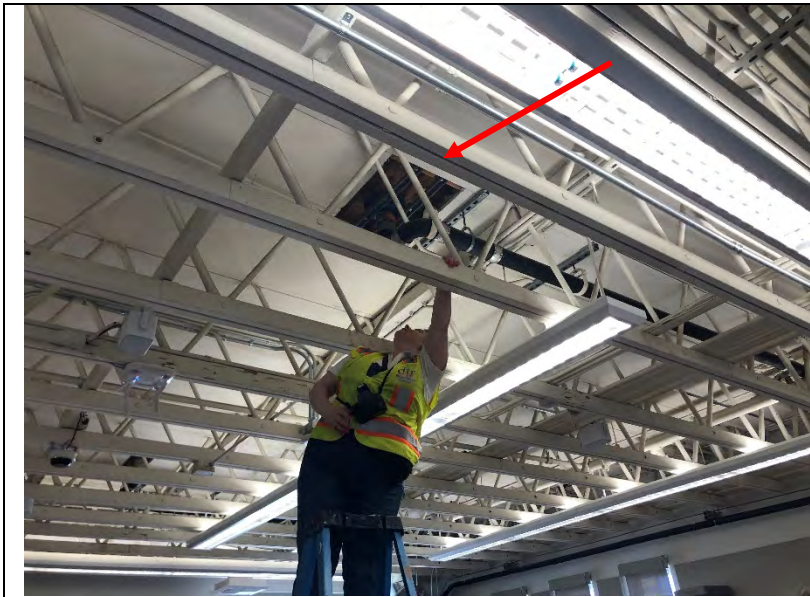


Photo 61:
DTR observing the underside of a drain assembly during a flood test.



Photo 62:
A drain assembly was attached to the bottom of the deck with uni-strut. No anchor bolts were holding the assembly to the deck.



Photo 63:
A failure in a traffic coating patch adjacent to a drain test.



Photo 64:
A failure in a traffic coating patch adjacent to a drain test.



Photo 65:

Corrosion was observed at the stairs prior to repainting.

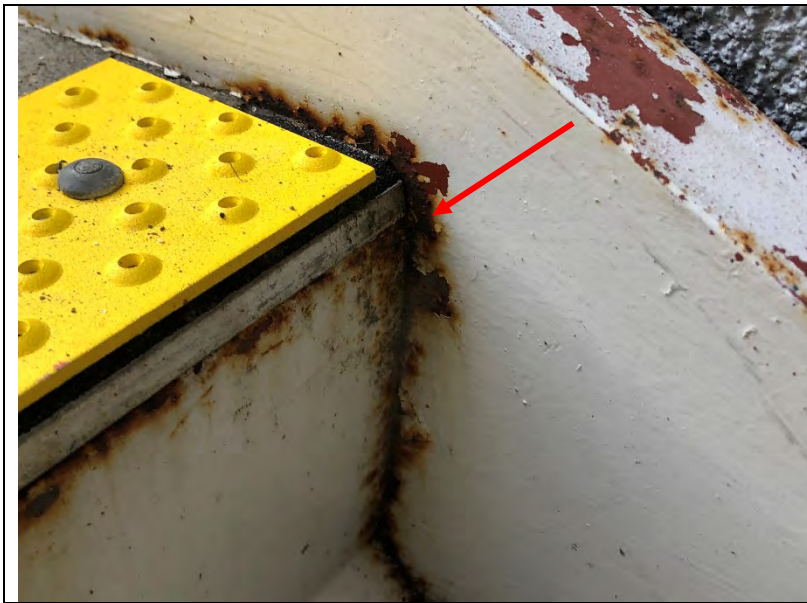


Photo 66:

Corrosion was observed at the stairs prior to repainting.



Photo 67:

The stairs were masked off during painting.



Photo 68:

Corrosion was observed on the stairs after repainting.



Photo 69:
The hollow metal frame was being removed at Classroom 480.



Photo 70:
The hollow metal frame after it was fully removed at classroom 480.



Photo 71:

The neoprene water stop at the expansion joint drainage was level with the interior of the cement plaster assembly.

This does not conform to the 2001 drawing set (see fig 02)



Photo 72:

Dry rot and damp wood within the wall assembly.



Photo 73:
Dry rot, water damage, and suspected insect damage at the threshold of classroom 480



Photo 74:
A water activation strip shows a positive result for water at the deck to wall expansion joint at the threshold of classroom 480.



Photo 75:

Wood surfaces at the threshold were damp to the touch.




Photo 76:

Moisture reading of the wood at the threshold.

20.8 %

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	<p>Photo 77:</p> <p>Moisture reading of the wood at the threshold.</p> <p>30.6 %</p>
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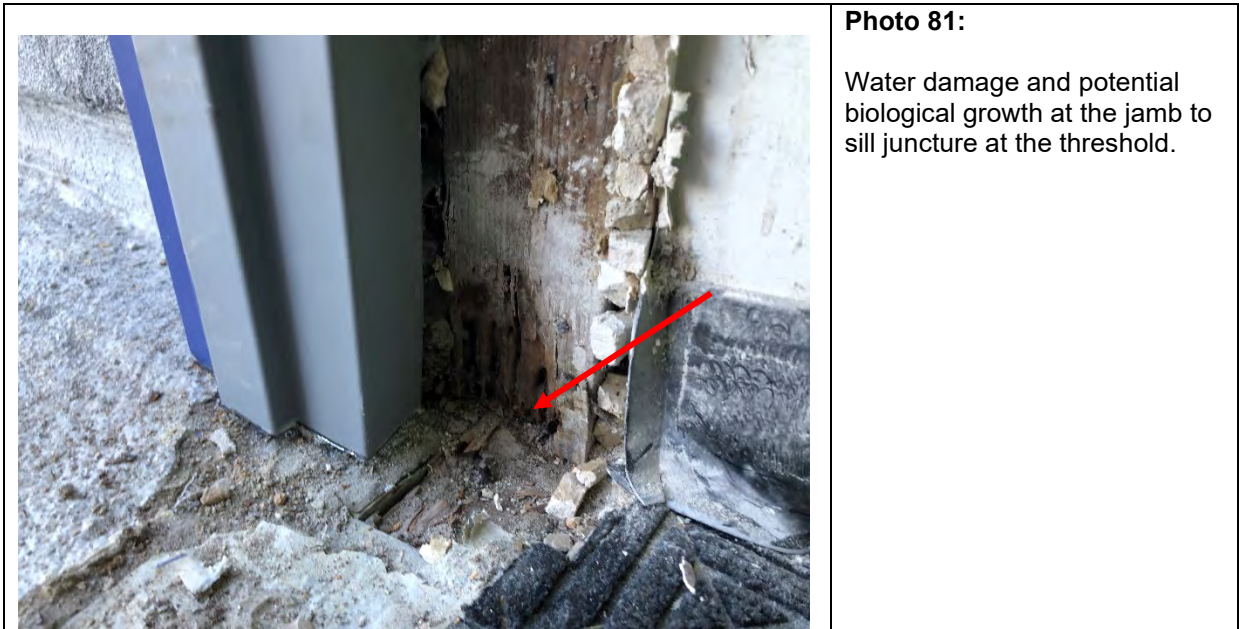
	<p>Photo 78:</p> <p>Standing water in the neoprene water stop at the expansion joint.</p>
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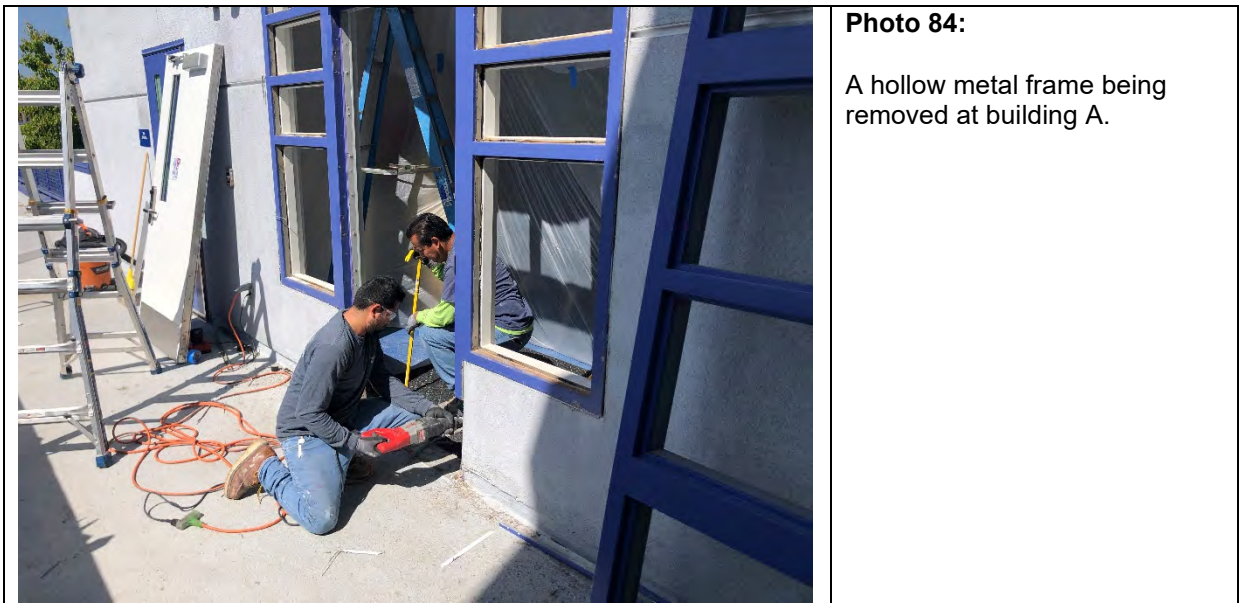
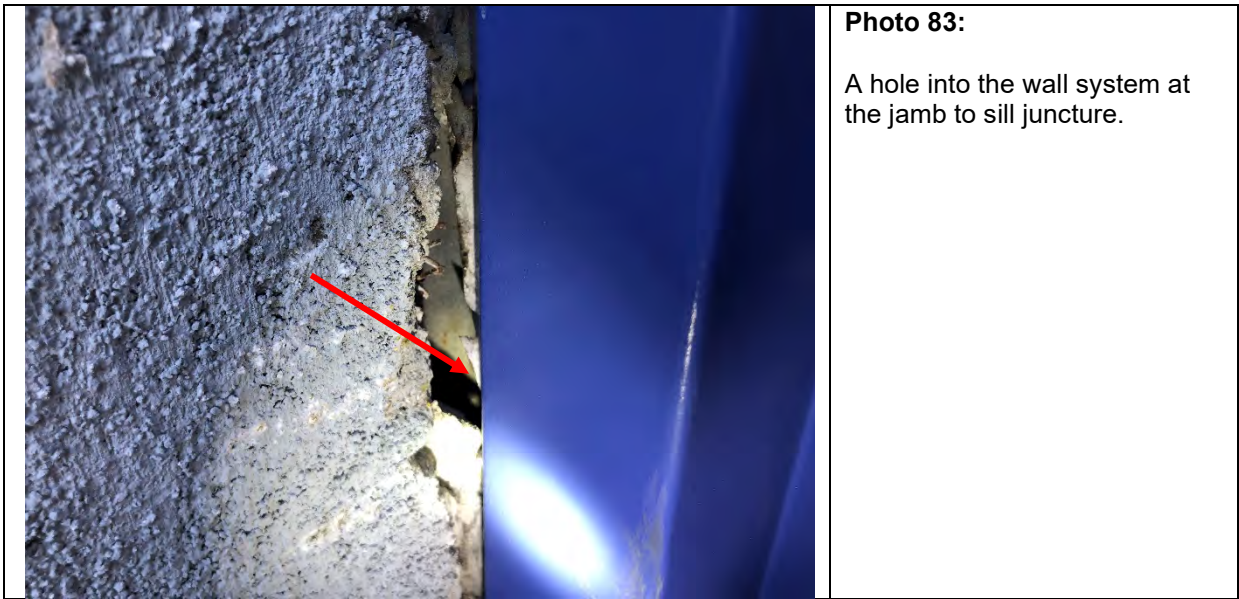


Photo 79:
Dry rot, water damage, and suspected insect damage at the threshold of classroom 480



Photo 80:
Hollow metal frame were being removed from the west side of building B.





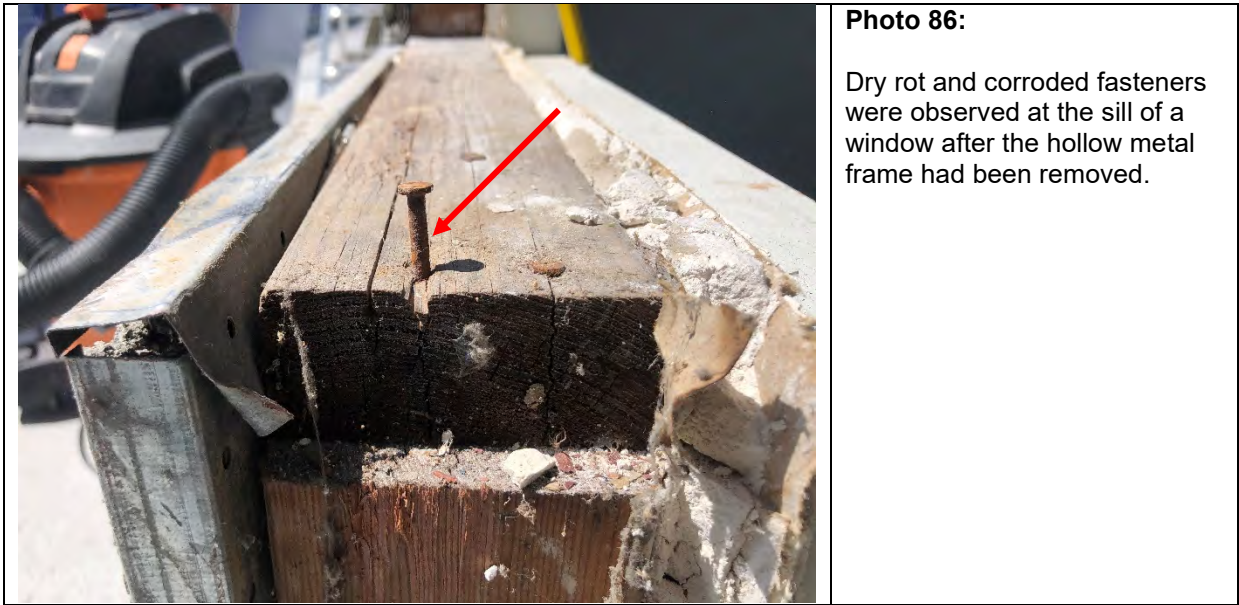




Photo 87:
Water damage at the jamb to sill juncture at the threshold. DTR requested that this area be cut and opened for further visual observation.



Photo 88:
Dry rot, water damage, corroded fasteners, and suspected insect damage at the threshold

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Photo 89:
A hollow metal frame being removed at building D.



Photo 90:
Delamination of the exterior plywood sheathing was observed after the hollow metal frames were removed.

No flashing, waterproofing, or weather resistive barrier were observed at this location.

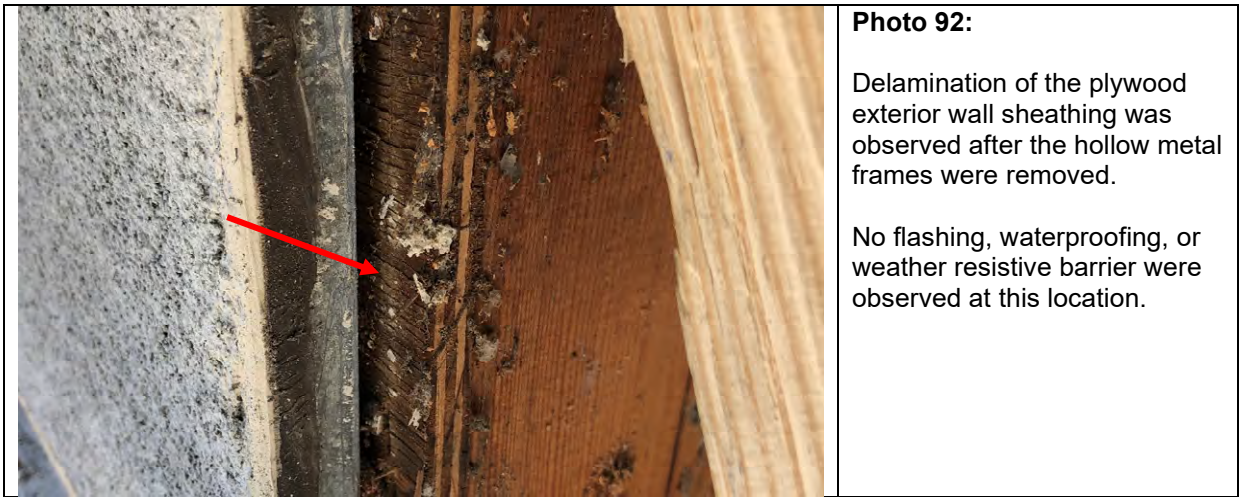
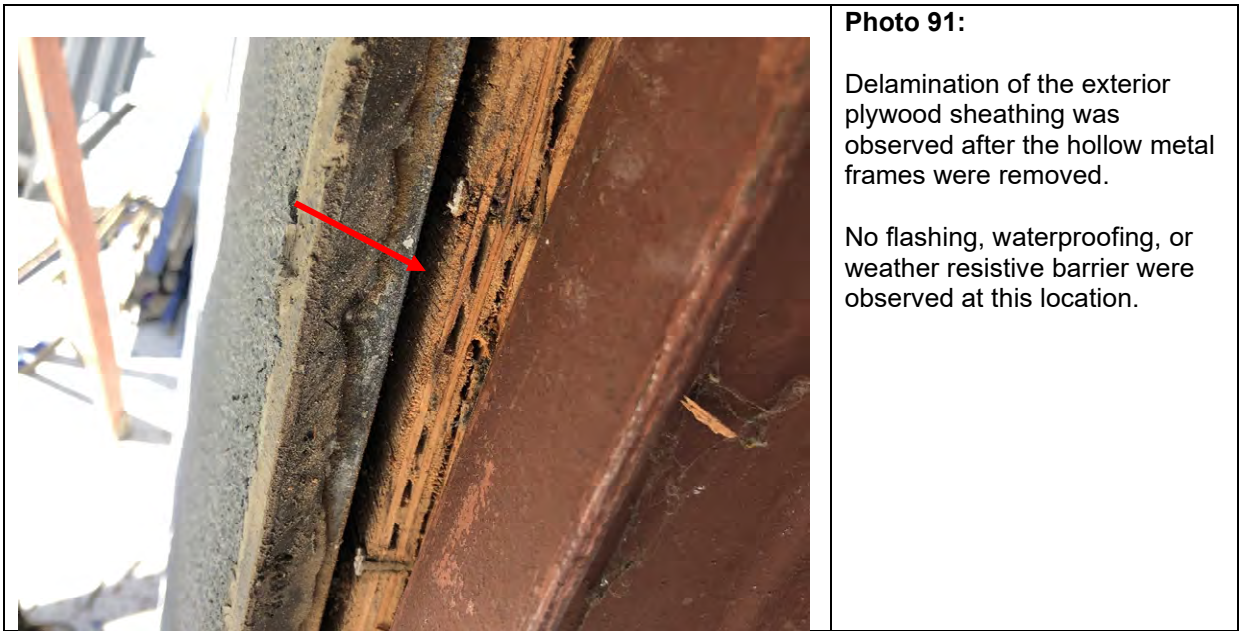






Photo 95:
Corrosion was observed behind a head flashing at one of the hollow-metal framed doors indicating moisture behind the flashing.



Photo 96:
Corrosion was observed behind a head flashing at one of the hollow metal framed doors.



Photo 97:
A hollow metal frame door/window assembly.



Photo 98:
Hollow metal frame assemblies.



Photo 99:
Hollow metal frame assemblies.



Photo 100:
A hollow metal frame window at the saw-tooth roof.



Photo 101:
Aluminum framed windows under one of the covered walkways.



Photo 102:
Aluminum framed windows on the north side of building B.



Photo 103:
Aluminum framed windows on the north side of building A.



Photo 104:
An aluminum-framed window.



Photo 105:
A sealant failure at the perimeter of a hollow metal frame.



Photo 106:
A sealant failure at the perimeter of a hollow metal frame.

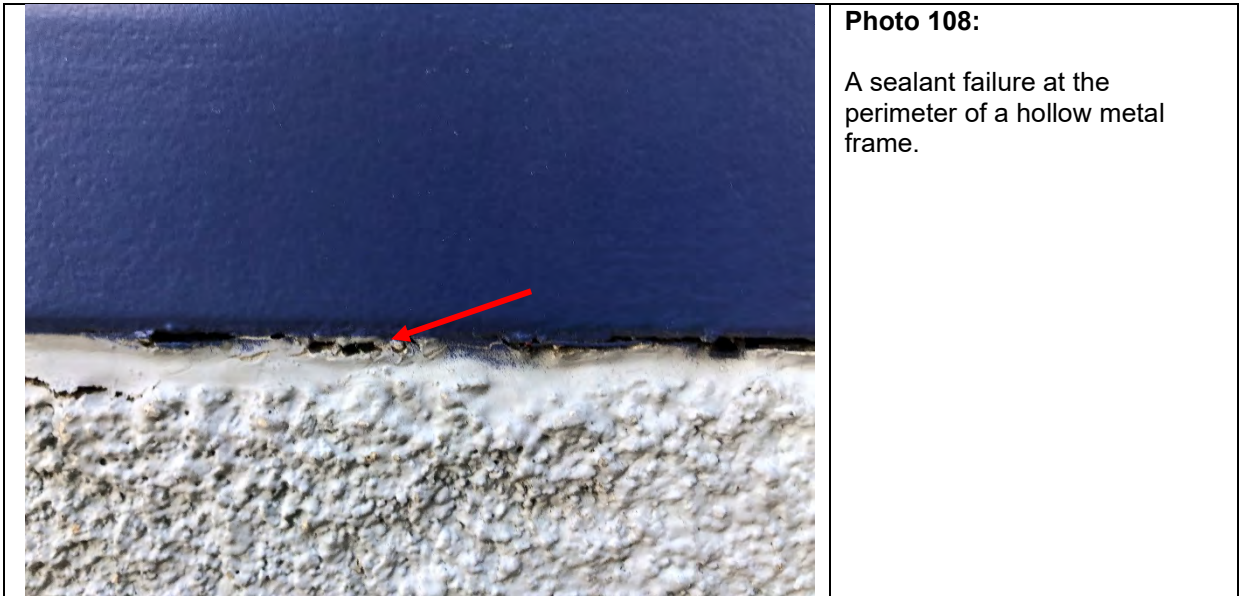
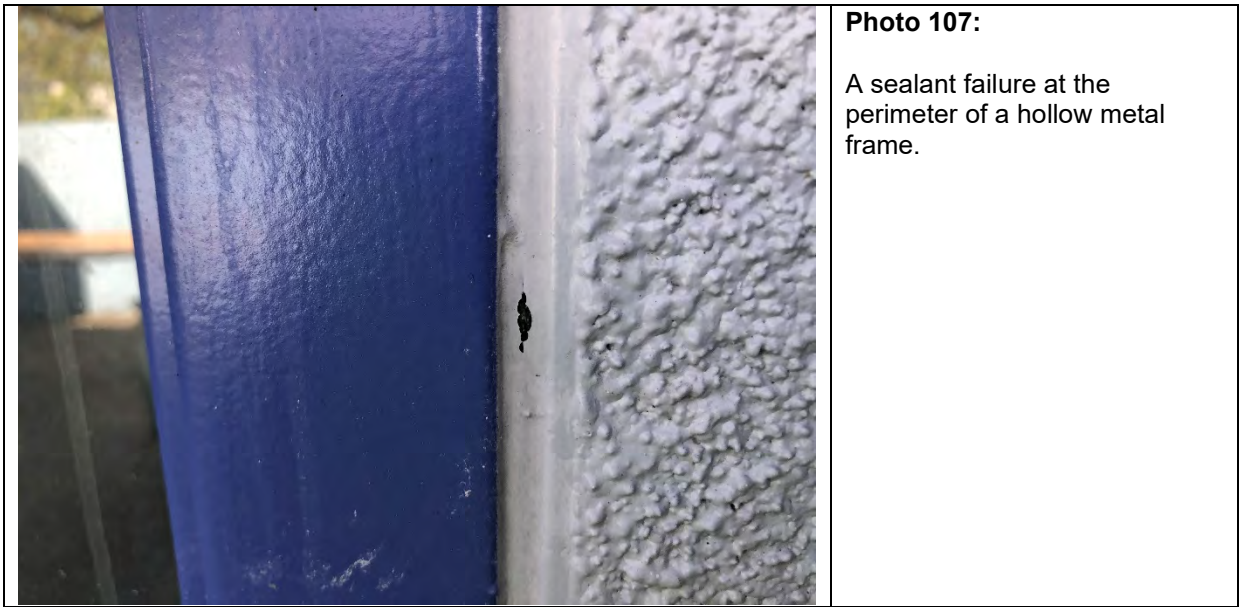
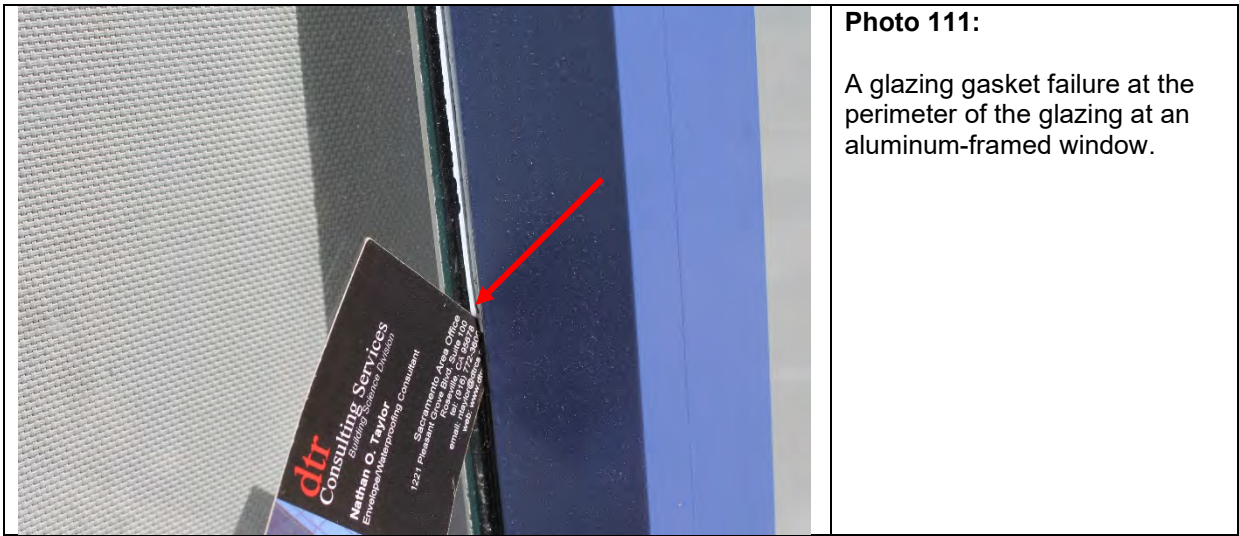




Photo 109:
A sealant failure at the perimeter of an aluminum-framed window at roof level.



Photo 110:
A sealant failure at the perimeter of an aluminum-framed window.



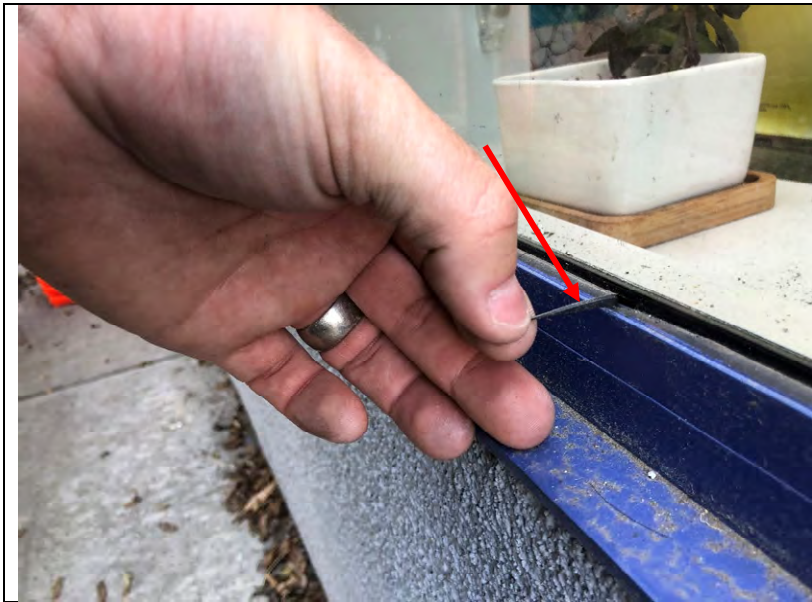


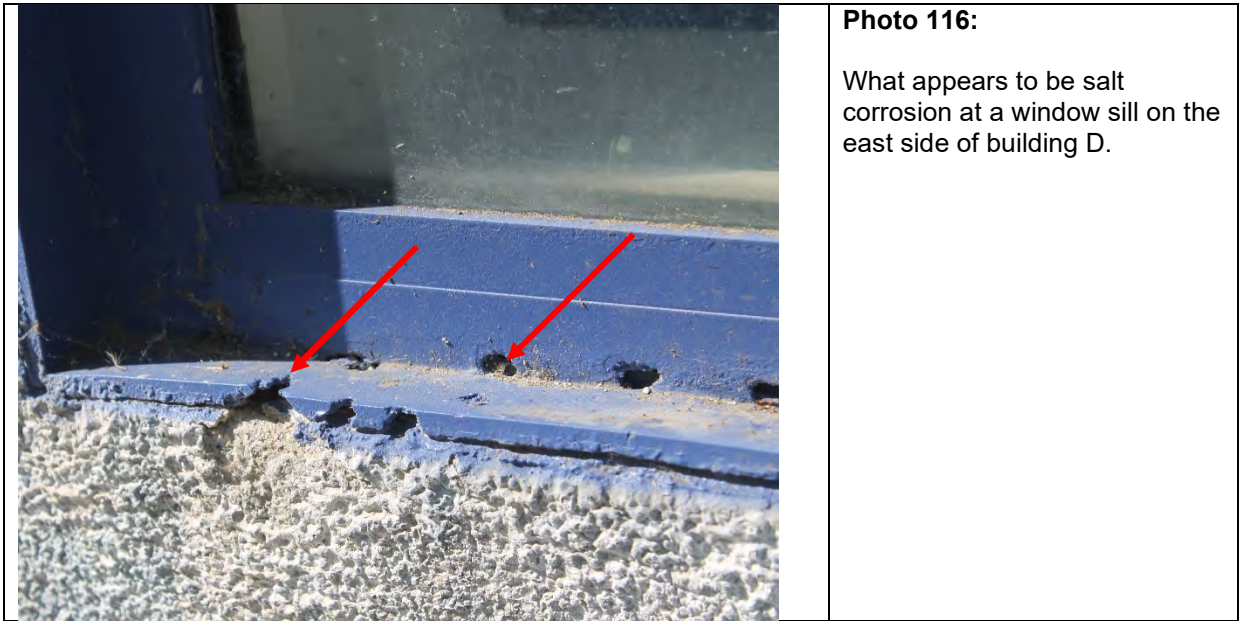
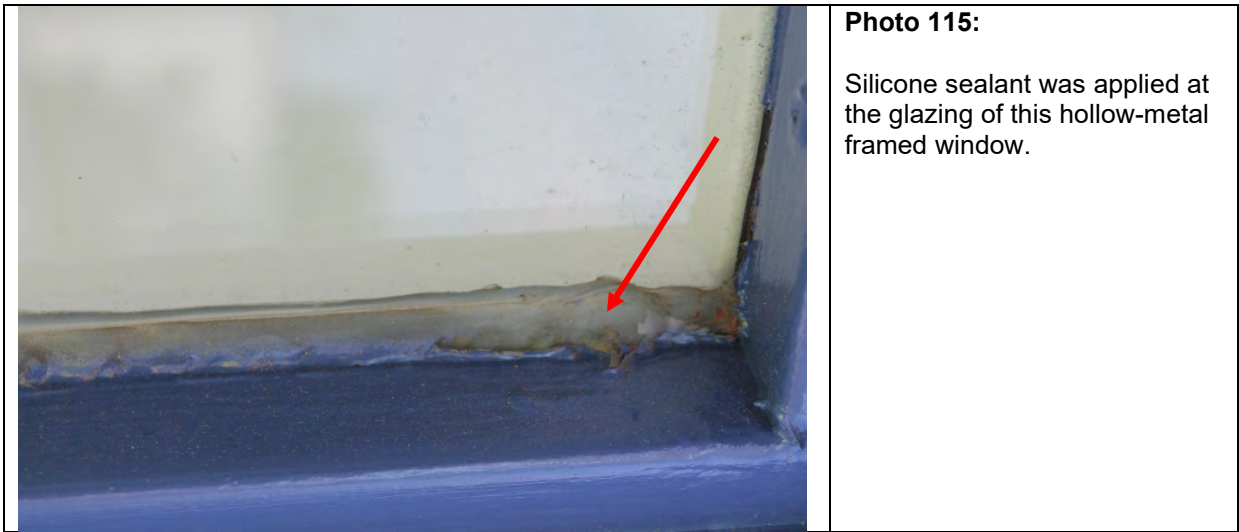
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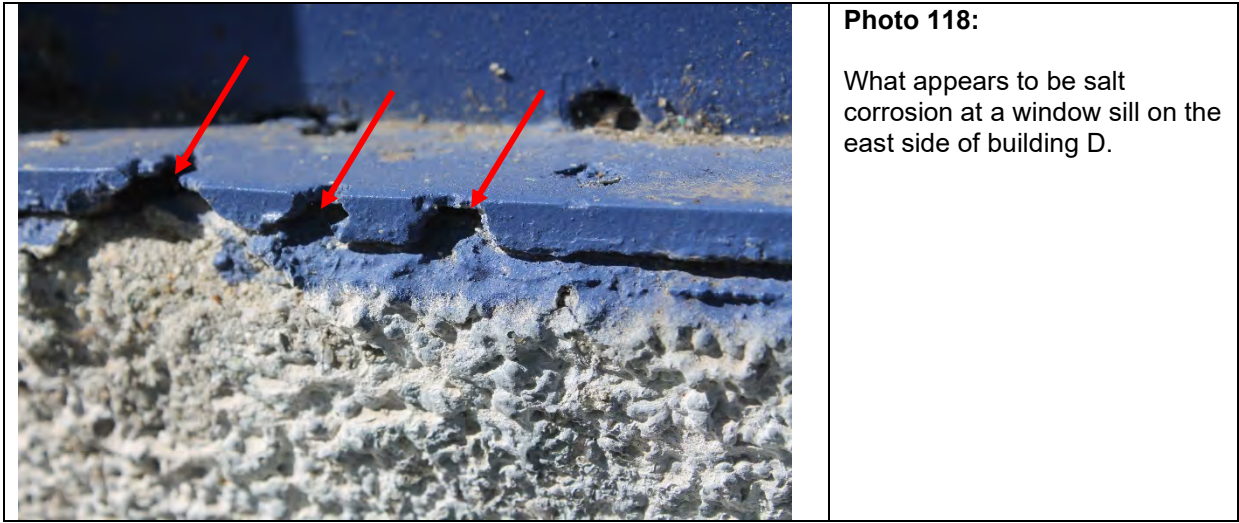
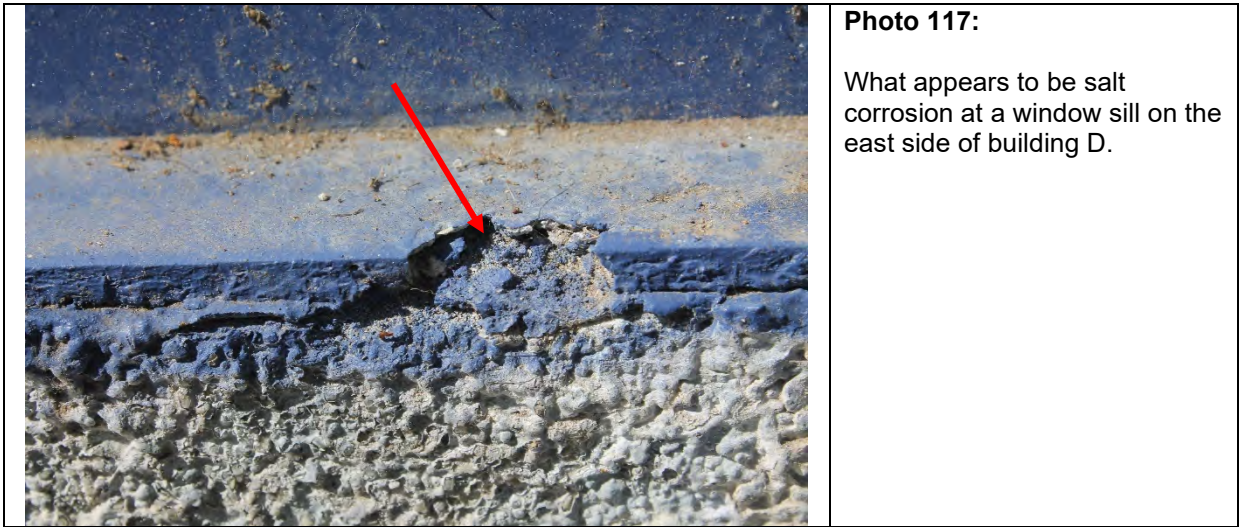
A glazing gasket failure at the perimeter of the glazing at an aluminum-framed window.



Photo 114:

Silicone sealant was applied at the glazing of this hollow-metal framed window.







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Photo 121:
Corrosion damage at the bottom of a door jamb.



Photo 122:
Corrosion damage at the bottom of a door jamb.





Photo 125:
The saw-tooth roof over building D.



Photo 126:
The shingle assembly on the roof of building D.





Photo 129:
A coating failure at the BUR roof over the multipurpose room.



Photo 130:
A cut mark in the BUR roof over the multipurpose room.



Photo 131:
A hole in the BUR roof over the multipurpose room.



Photo 132:
The existing BUR with a coating (yellow arrow) and the new granulated cap sheet (red arrow) were installed at the new mechanical curbs.



Photo 133:
A business card was inserted into a gap in the new granulated cap sheet installed at the new mechanical curbs.



Photo 134:
The existing BUR with a coating (yellow arrow) and the new granulated cap sheet (red) were installed at the new mechanical curbs.



Photo 135:
An open seam at the newly installed granulated cap sheet at a mechanical curb.



Photo 136:
Tig welding rods left on the roof.



Photo 137:

Pock-marks and welding damage on the newly installed granulated cap sheet on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 138:

An abandoned cone-flashing on the roof of the multipurpose room.

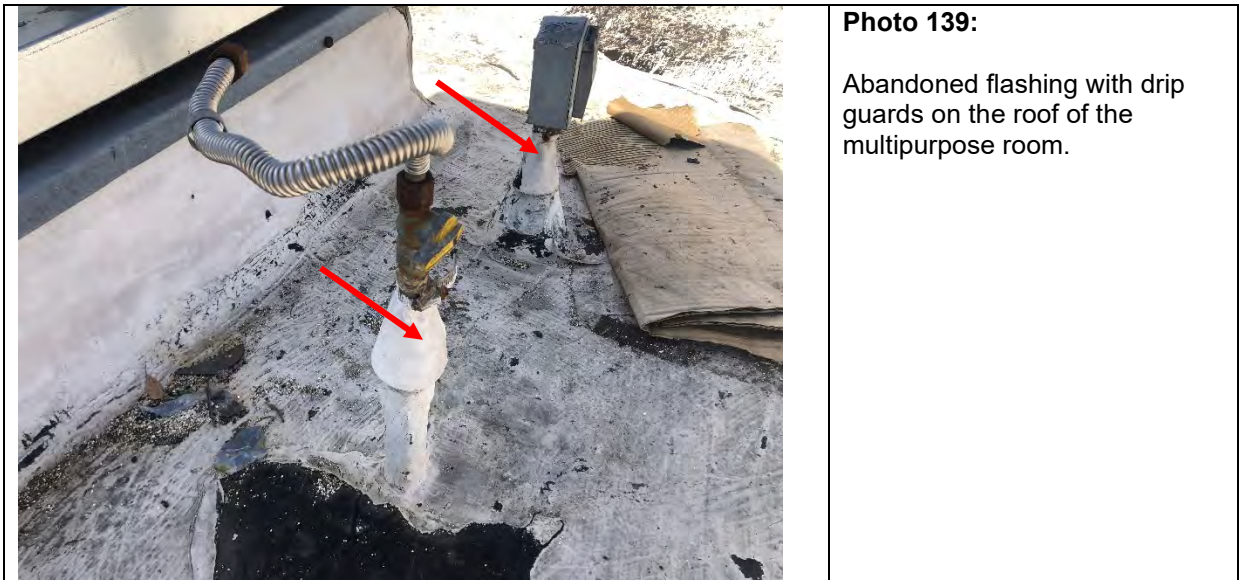




Photo 141:
Lead flashings were installed at the fall protection rail at the newly installed granulated cap sheet on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 142:
Lead flashings were installed in the newly installed granulated cap sheet on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 143:
An opening at a lead flashing was installed in the newly installed granulated cap sheet on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 144:
An electrical conduit flashing with a drip guard on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 145:

Penetrations with drip guards on the roof of the multipurpose room.



Photo 146:

An abandoned conical penetration flashing on the roof of the multipurpose room.

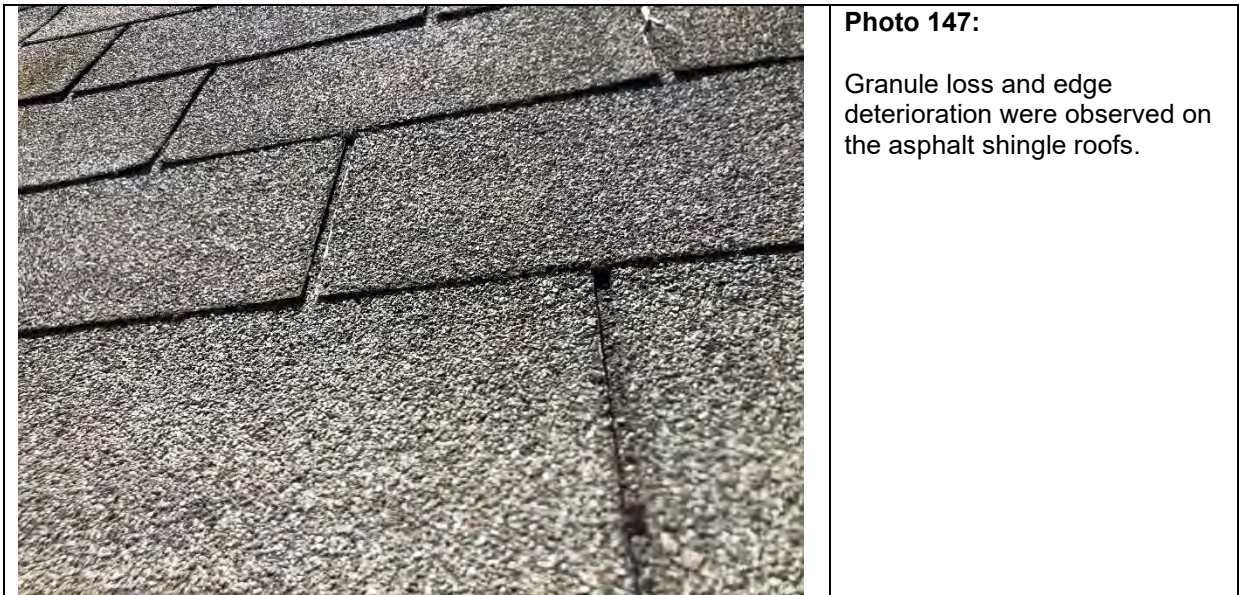




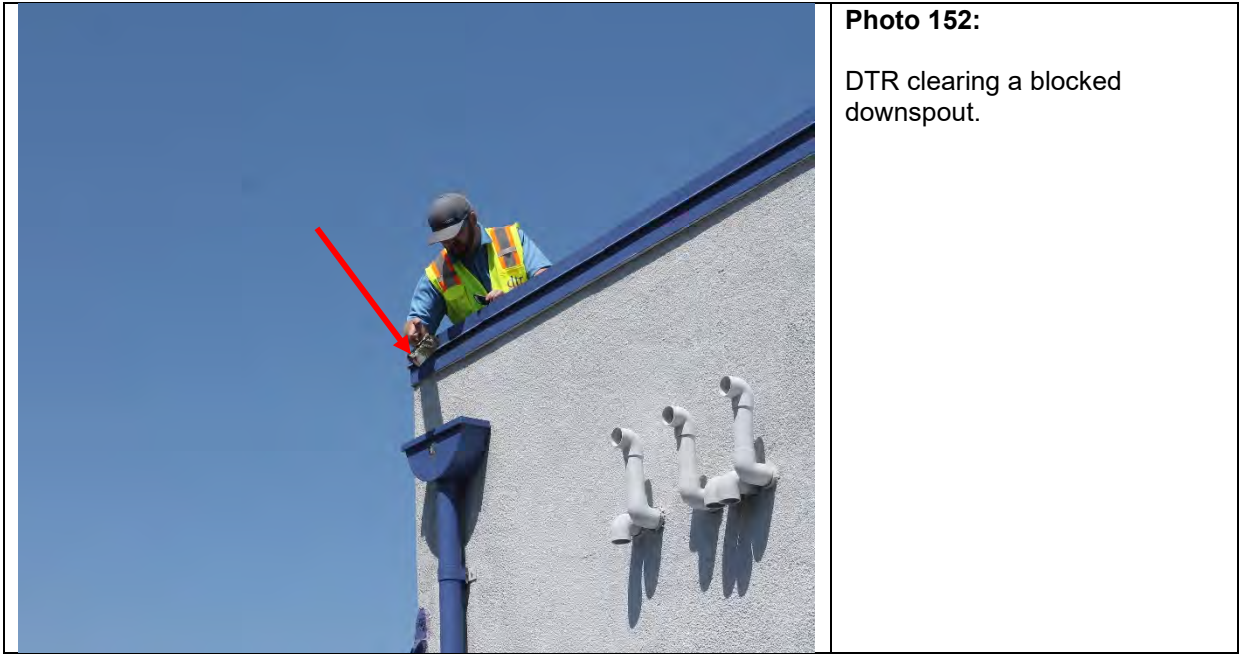
Photo 149:

A swath of mastic was observed at the asphalt shingle roofs.



Photo 150:

Staples and nails were observed at the mastic swath.



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Photo 153:

Granules had filled and blocked a scupper downspout.



Photo 154:

Granule loss was significant at all of the asphalt shingle roofs.



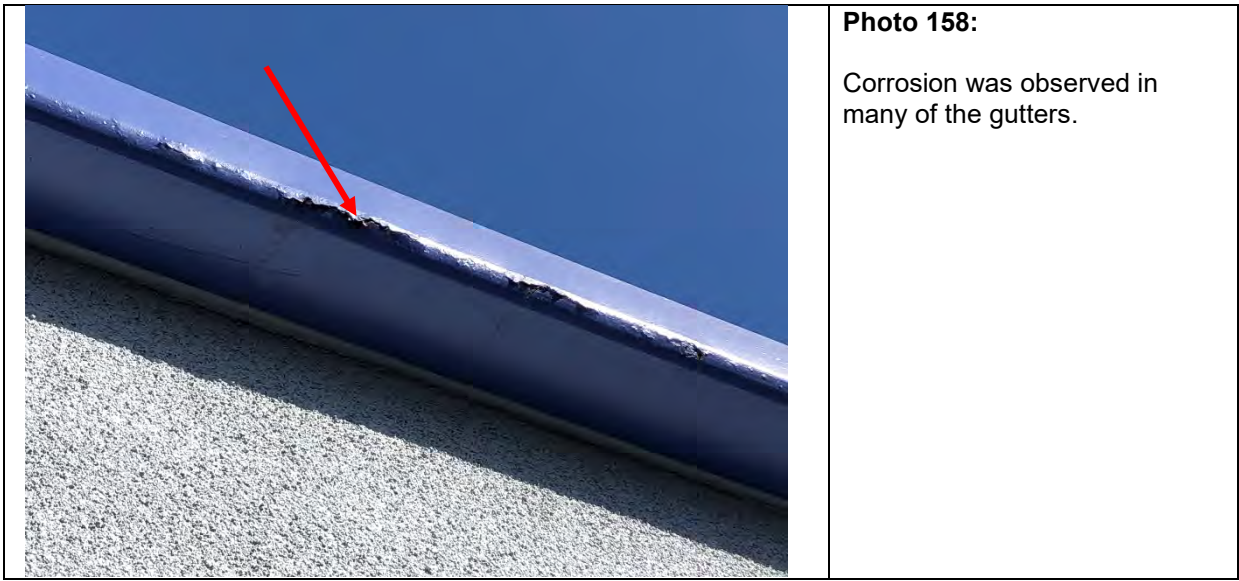
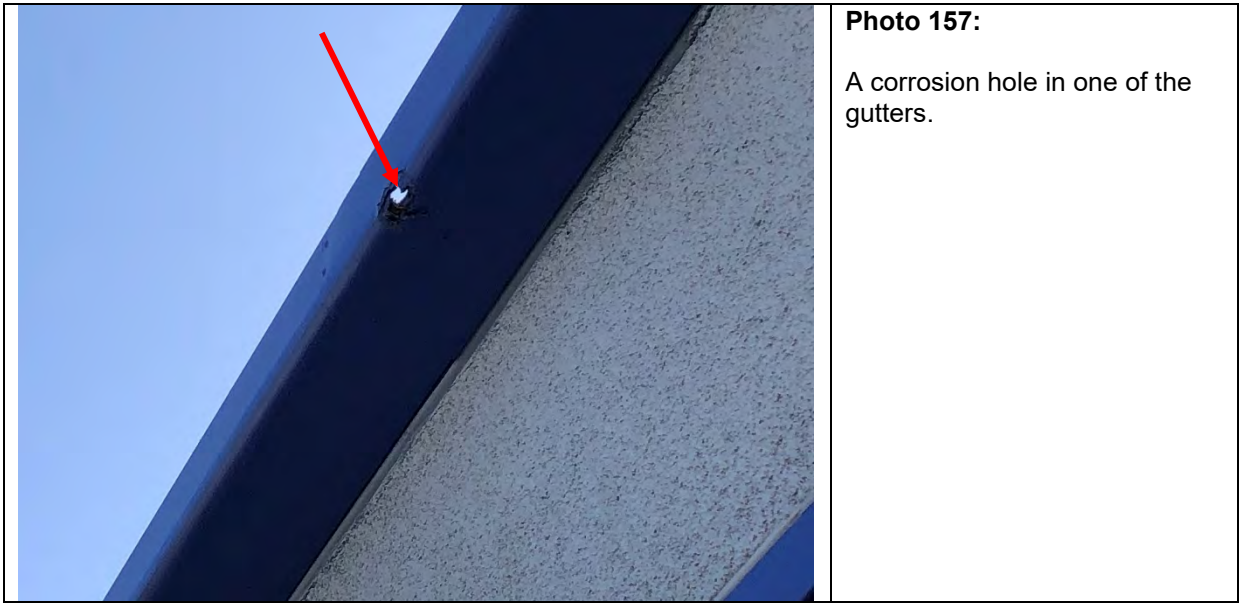




Photo 159:

Shingle tabs were observed on the roof deck, damages on the roof, or were missing altogether.



Photo 160:

Shingle tabs were observed on the roof deck, damages on the roof, or were missing altogether.



Photo 161:

Shingle tabs were observed on the roof deck, at damaged areas on the roof, or were missing altogether.



Photo 162:

Corroded vent stacks with deficient flashing were observed in several locations.



Photo 163:
A black peel-and-stick underlayment was present under the asphalt shingle.



Photo 164:
The black peel-and-stick underlayment was not fully adhered at some locations.



Photo 165:

Sheet metal flashing on the asphalt shingle roofs showed various signs of age degradation.



Photo 166:

A black mastic had been applied to the sheet metal along a roof-to-wall valley.

The mastic was cracked and had failed.



Photo 167:
Sheet metal flashing on the asphalt shingle roofs showed various signs of age degradation.



Photo 168:
Sealant was observed at the ends of the sheet metal valley



Photo 169:

Sealant at the ends of the sheet metal valleys was cracked and had failed in many locations.



Photo 170:

Sheet metal skirt flashing at the skylights was not flat and flush to the roof.



Photo 171:
Sheet metal skirt flashing at the skylights was not flat and flush to the roof.



Photo 172:
Sheet metal skirt flashing at the skylights was not flat and flush to the roof.



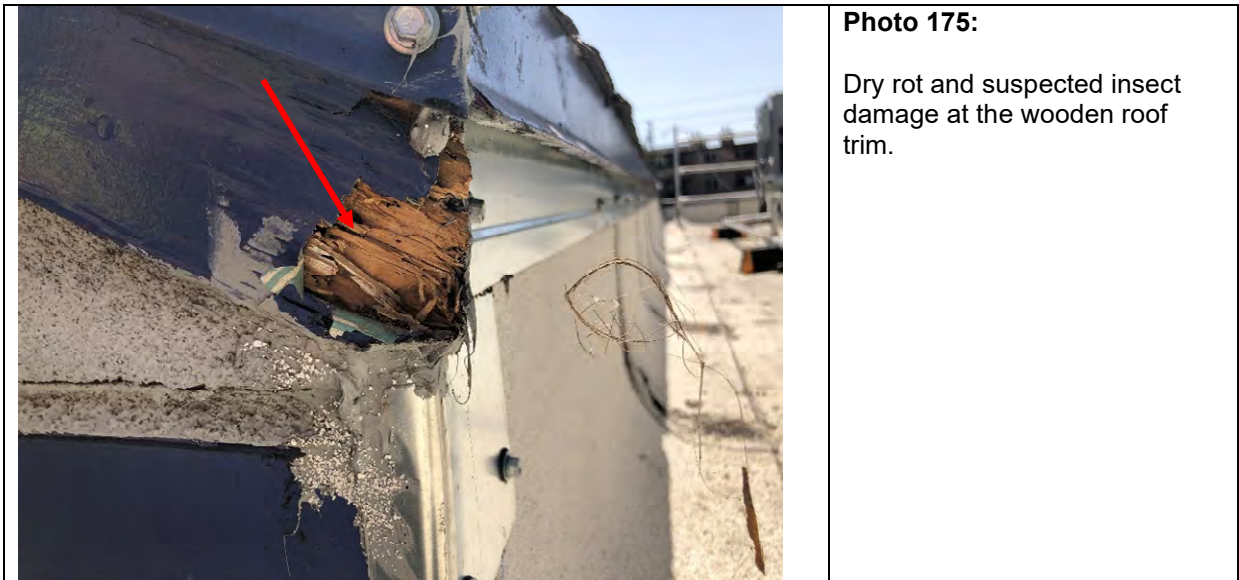
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Dry rot and suspected insect damage at the wooden roof trim.



Photo 174:

Dry rot and suspected insect damage at the wooden roof trim.



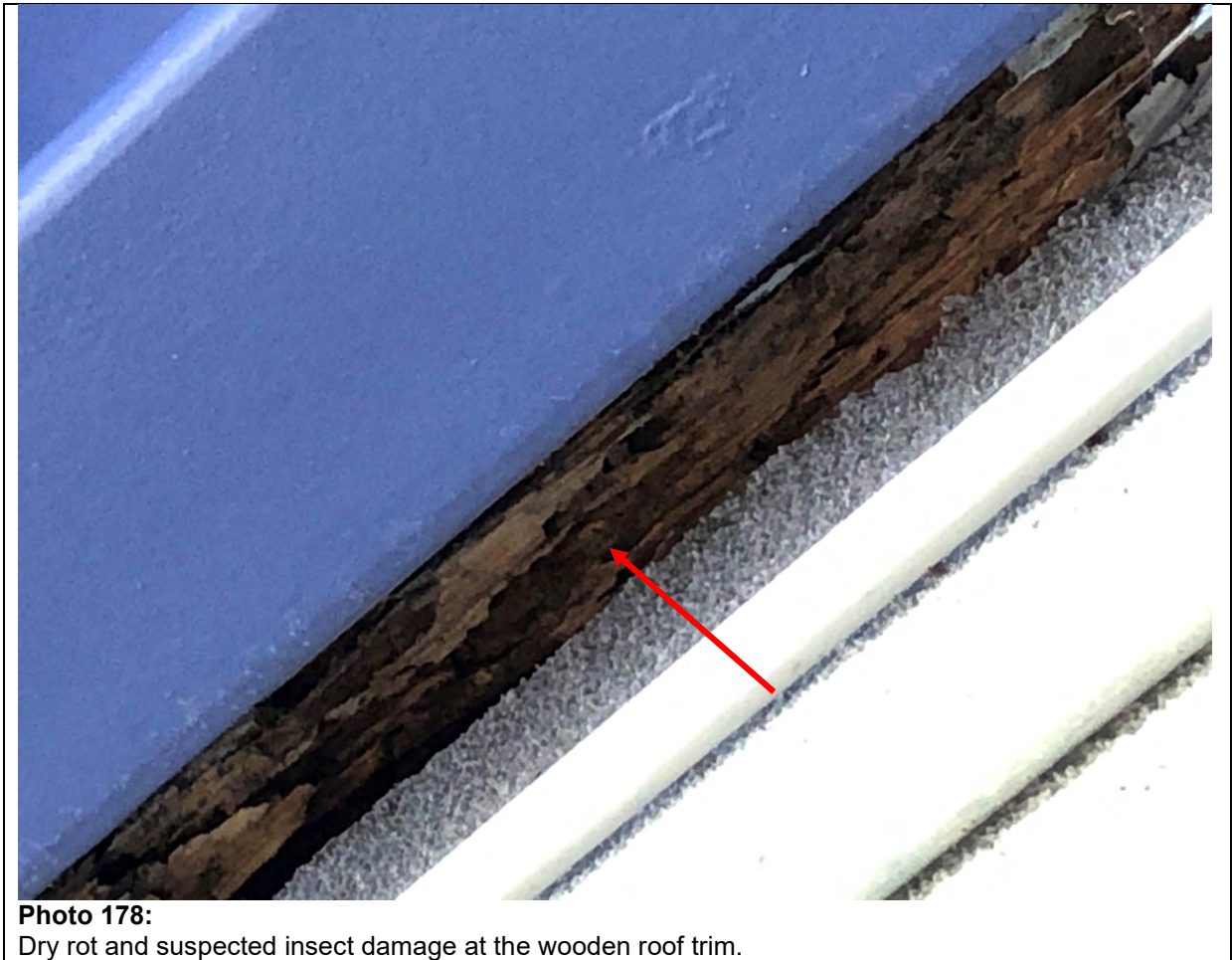




Photo 179:
Staining was visible on the ceiling tiles in room 210B Media Equipment



Photo 180:
Staining was visible on the ceiling tiles in room 210B Media Equipment

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Photo 181:

DTR made observations in the library. Many reported leak locations had been obscured by new paint.



Photo 182:

DTR made observations in the library. Many reported leak locations had been obscured by new paint.



Photo 182:
Exterior light was visible through the wall system over the east entrance to the library. The location is a reported leak site.



Photo 184:
Louvers at the elevated walkway over the east entrance to the library.

The louvers were not properly flashed and sealed.

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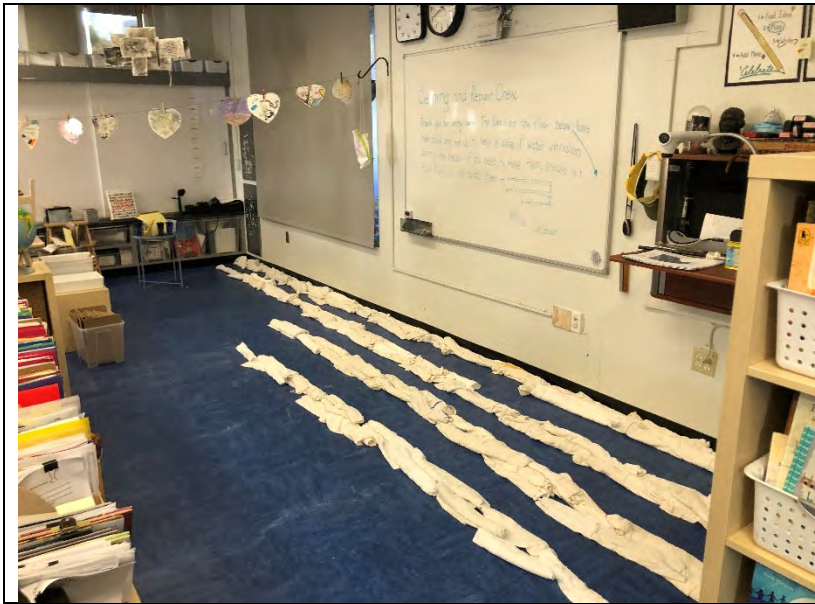


Photo 185:

Temporary water intrusion remediation was carried out by the teacher in classroom 415



Photo 186:

Previous mold abatement at classroom 415.

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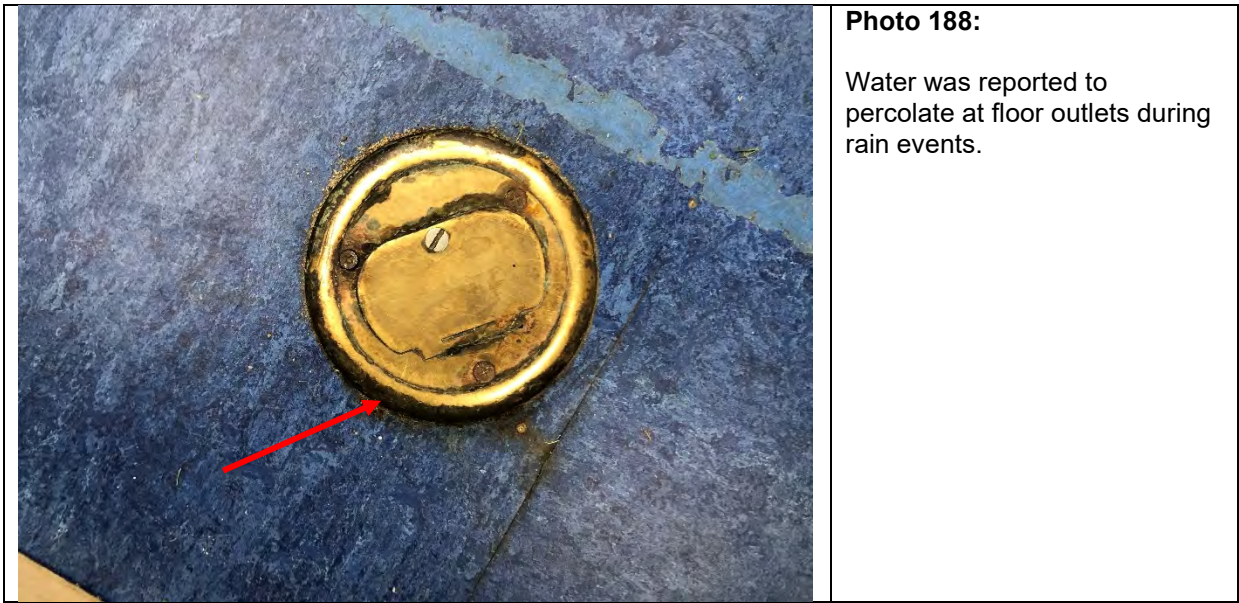
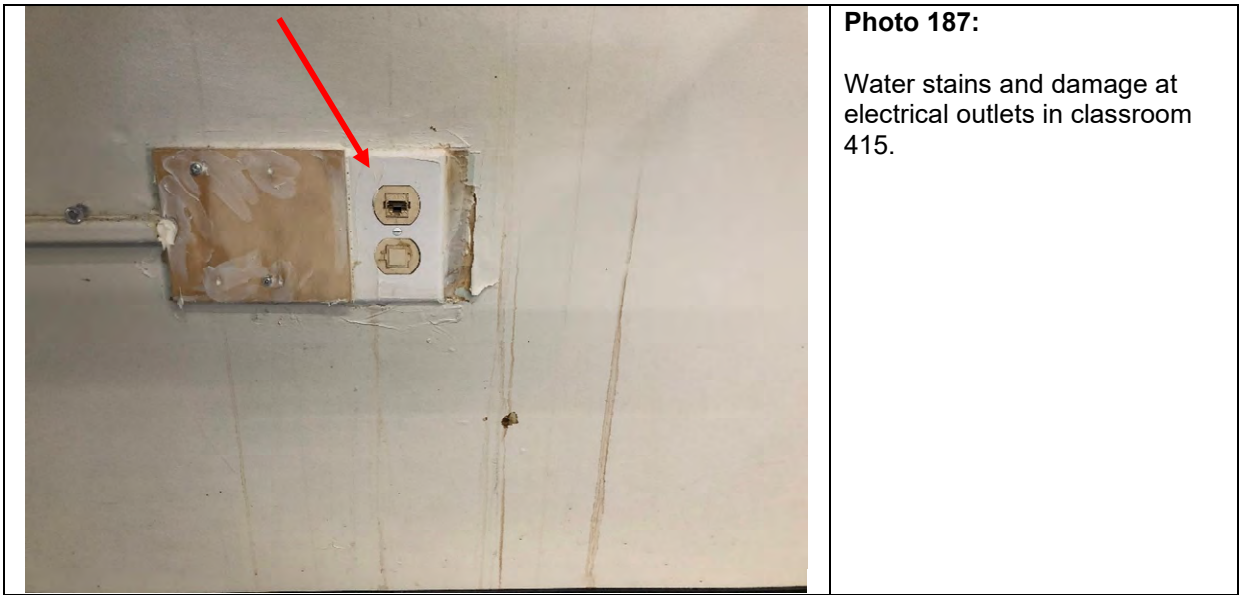




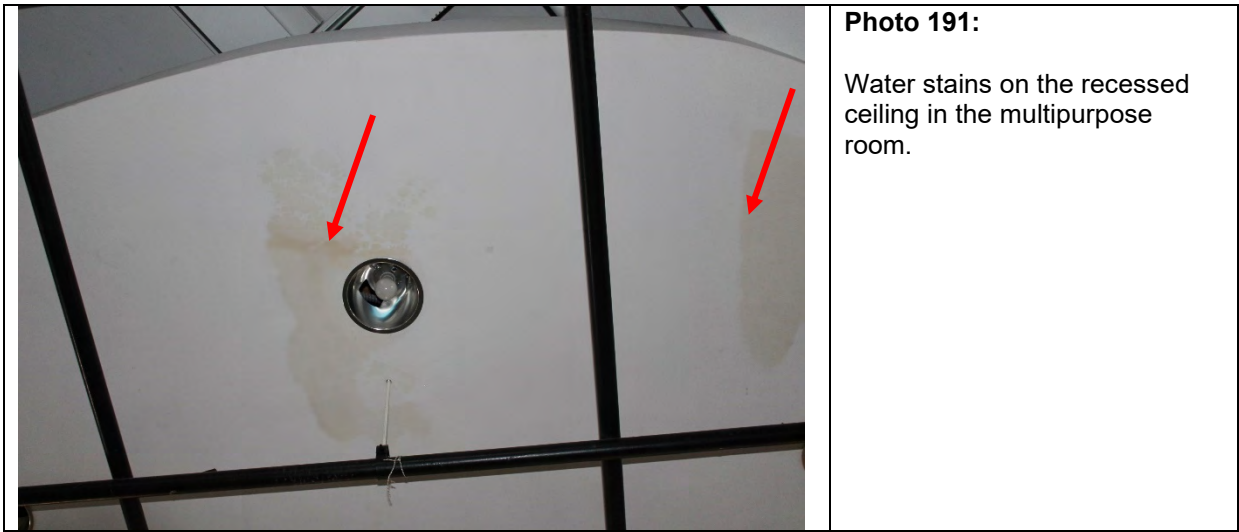
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Water stains on the whiteboard in classroom 415.



Photo 190:

Water stains on the ceiling along the south wall of classroom 415.



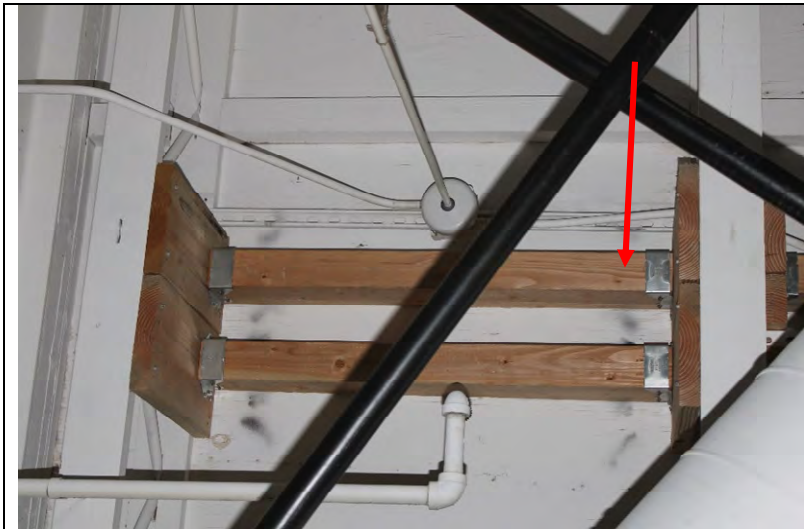


Photo 193:
New blocking was installed in the ceiling of the multipurpose room during the HVAC project.



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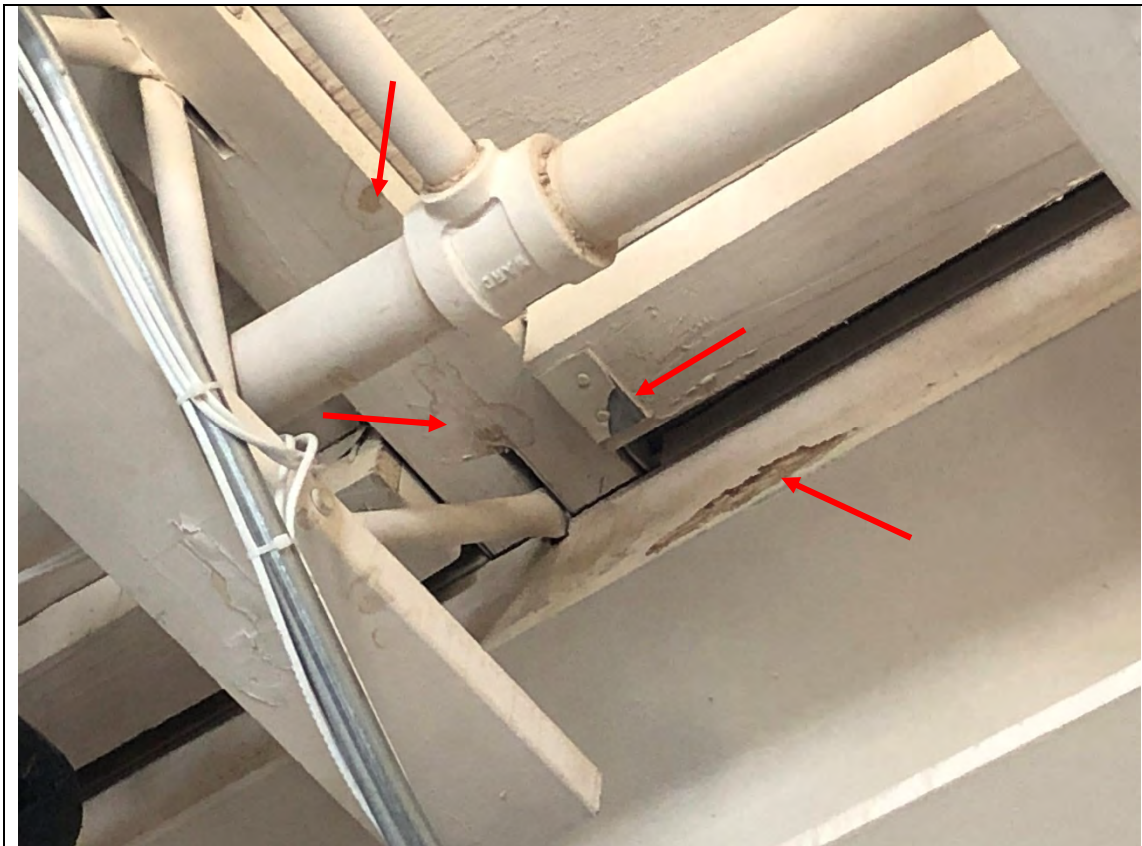


Photo 195:
Water stains and failing paint on the ceiling in the multipurpose room.

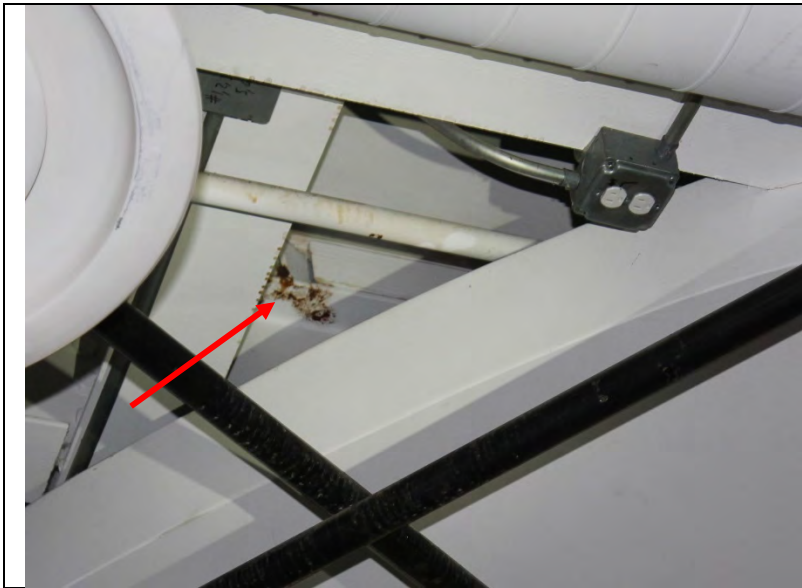


Photo 196:
Water stains above the recessed ceiling in the multipurpose room.

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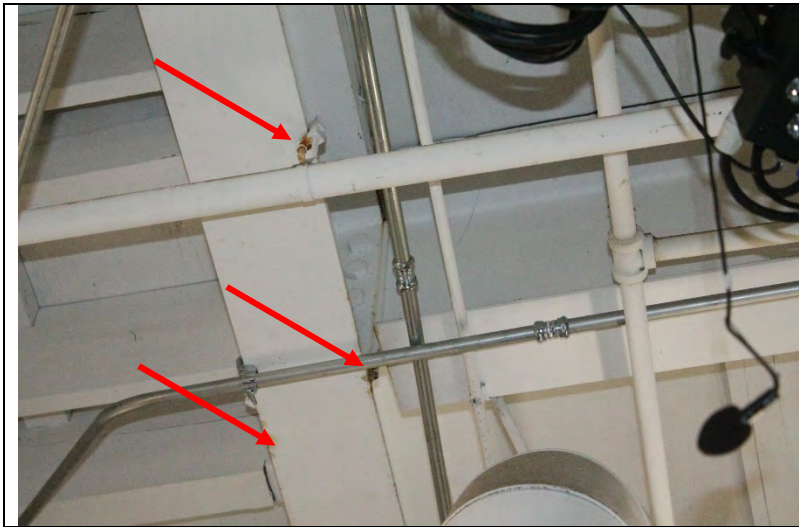


Photo 197:
Water stains on the ceiling in the multipurpose room.



Photo 198:
DTR making observations above the ceiling panels in a classroom in building C



Photo 199:

A drain assembly had been relocated above the ceiling panels in a classroom in building C



Photo 200:

Water stains at a drain pipe from a previous leak. No active water was observed at this location.



Photo 201:

Water staining on top of a storage bin in a classroom in building C.



Photo 202:

Stained ceiling tiles in room 205 Teacher's Prep.



Photo 203:

Water damage and possible biological growth above the ceiling tiles in room 205 Teacher's Prep.



Photo 204:

Water damage and possible biological growth above the ceiling tiles in room 205 Teacher's Prep.

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Photo 205:
Water damage and staining above the ceiling tiles in room 205 Teacher's Prep.



Photo 206:
A crack in the floor of the
janitorial room above room 205
Teacher's Prep.

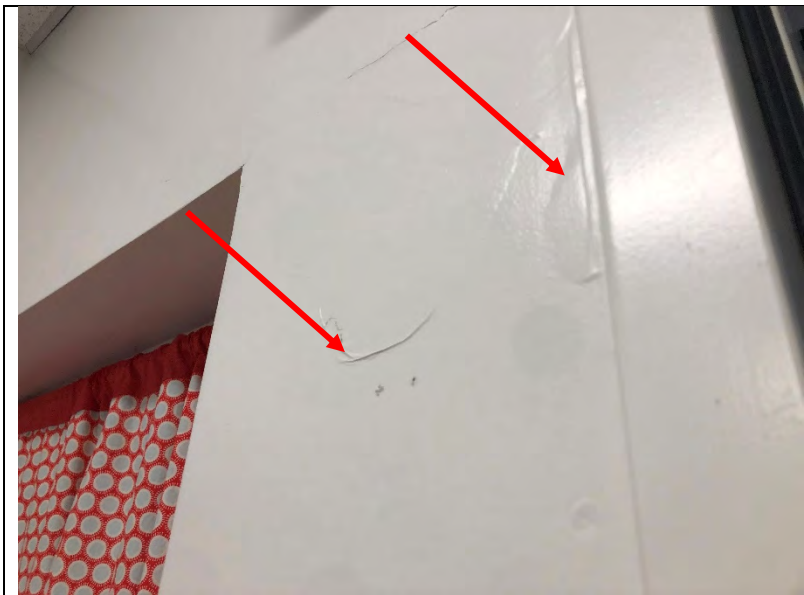


Photo 207:
Water damage to the interior paint at Room 403 Teachers' Prep.



Photo 208:
Corrosion at the bottom of the door jamb at Room 403 Teachers' Prep.



Photo 209:

Corrosion at the bottom of the door jamb at Room 403 Teachers' Prep.



Photo 210:

Interior finishes had been removed at two classrooms in building D prior to the DTR site assessment, in an effort to address a leak at this location.



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Interior finishes had been removed at two classrooms in building D prior to the DTR site assessment, in an effort to address a leak at this location.

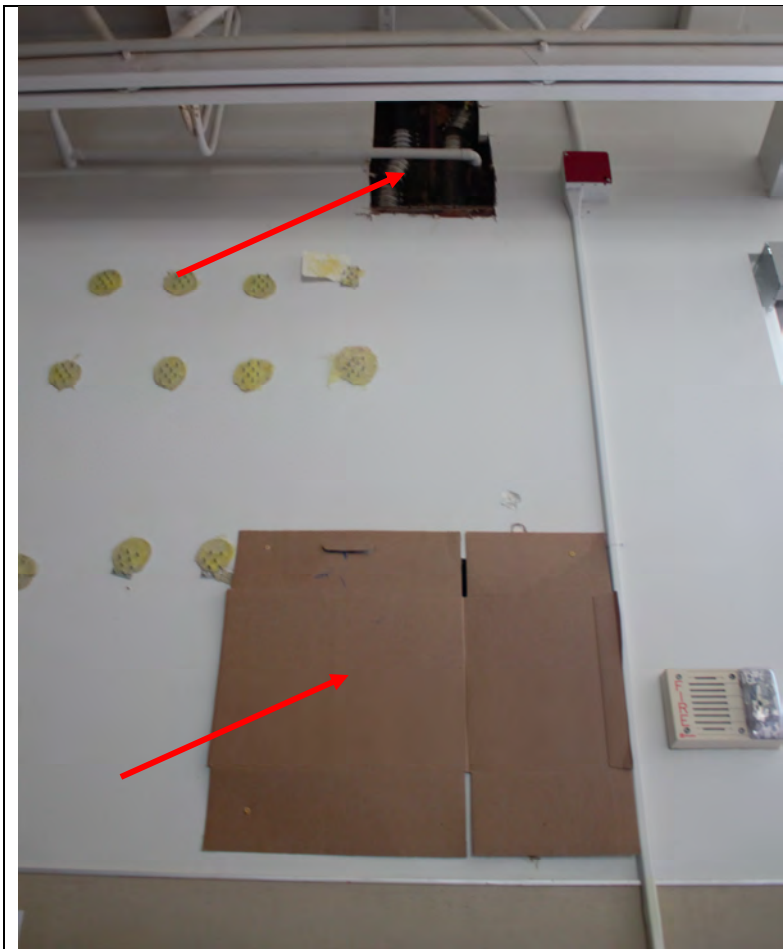


Photo 212:

Interior finishes had been removed at two classrooms in building D prior to the DTR site assessment, in an effort to address a leak at this location.

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Photo 213:

DTR making observations of drain assemblies during a flood test.

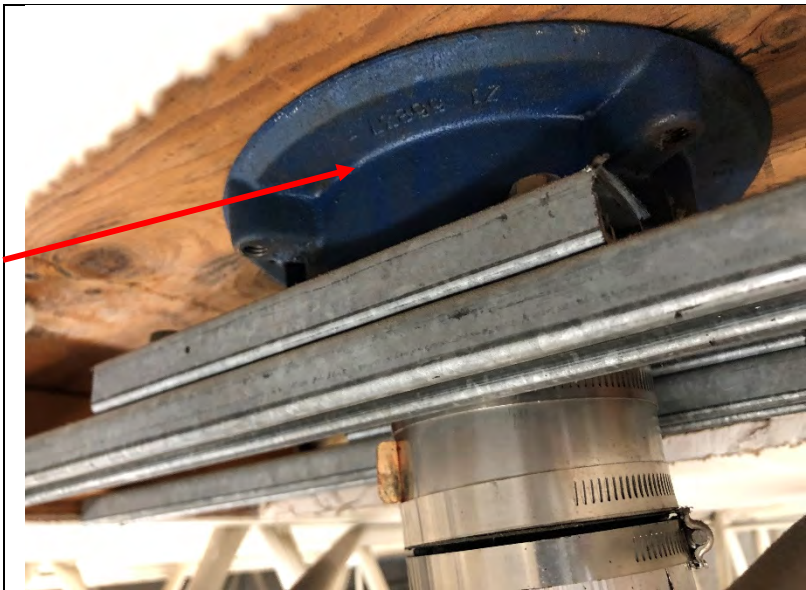


Photo 214:

Drain bowls were compressed to the underside of the deck with uni-strut and wood blocking.

No anchor bolts were holding the drain bowl to the deck.

This is a nonstandard mounting system for drains



Photo 215:

Drain bowls were compressed to the underside of the deck with uni-strut and wood blocking.

No anchor bolts were holding the drain bowl to the deck.

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Photo 216:

Acoustical panels on the ceiling of the pyramid roofed classroom in building D.



Photo 217:
A loose light fixture in the
acoustical panels on the ceiling
of the classrooms in building D.



Photo 218:
Acoustical panels on the ceiling
of the classrooms in building D.



Photo 219:
Water marks and staining at the acoustical panels on the ceiling of the classrooms in building D.



Photo 220:
The campus is extensively hardscaped.

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Photo 221:

The campus is extensively hardscaped.

Hardscape has shifted in many locations.



Photo 222:

Surface drains in the hardscape vary in size.





Photo 225:
Drains in the hardscape were often not at the lowest points.



Photo 226:
Drains in the hardscape were often not at the lowest points.

