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# SAFETY ALERT

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WATER-DAMAGED PLASTER CEILINGS

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Due to the recent heavy rains, some school facilities have experienced roof leaks and water damage to ceilings. Site Administrators and school personnel should identify any potential ceiling damage which may be evident from a bulge or sag in ceiling surfaces. These conditions may indicate significant damage to the ceiling structure.

If such observations are made, staff are advised to notify the Local District Complex Project Manager (CPM), Area Facilities Services Director (AFSD) or Local District Facilities Director (LDFD) and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS). Site Administrators should use discretion in restricting access until the extent of the damage has been evaluated. In most cases, the area should be cordoned off to prevent access.

Plaster ceilings may be concealed above lowered or "dropped" ceilings. If there is evidence of water leakage or damage to lower ceiling tiles, the CPM, AFSD or LDFD should be notified.

If you have any questions regarding this Safety Alert, please call the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199 or Maintenance and Operations at (213) 633-7587.

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