

**Office of Safe and Orderly Schools  
Division of School Buildings  
Facility Safety Assessment  
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**Items in red were complete on 7/25/11.  
Lined out items are Life Safety Code.**

Please accept the following comments, findings, corrective actions and recommendations for consideration at each school site. If we may assist you by providing additional information regarding this report, you may contact us at (601) 359-1028.

**Indianola School District  
Mr. David Rush, Superintendent**

**Gentry High School  
Attended by: Coach Mario Young**

**Findings:**

**Exterior**

- There was no visitor parking signs.
- ~~There were some damaged fluorescent lights outside the History wing.~~
- There were several damaged awnings campus wide.
- ~~There were some damaged fluorescent lights outside the Math and Foreign Language wing.~~
- ~~There were some exposed wires on the west end of the Math and Foreign Language wing.~~
- ~~There were some exposed wires outside the English wing.~~
- There was a damaged fluorescent light outside the Math wing.
- There was an unsecured A/C electrical panel on the east side of the gymnasium.
- There were several old pallets and desks outside the BCT classroom.
- There were several damaged gutters and downspouts campus wide.
- Eaves and awnings had peeling paint campus wide.

**Interior**

- There were no lighted exit signs in the main building.
- ~~There was no emergency lighting in the main building.~~
- There was an obstructed exit door in the library.
- There was an inoperative lighted exit sign in the library.
- There was a missing electrical panel blank in the new wing book room.

**Kitchen/Dining Area**

- There were inoperative lighted exit signs in the dining area.
- There was no emergency lighting in the dining area.
- There was no evacuation maps posted in the dining area.

- Boxes were stacked within 24” of the ceiling in the dry goods storage room.
- There was grease buildup on the vent-a-hood in the kitchen.
- There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the dining area.
- Seating capacity was not posted in the dining area.

### **Restrooms**

- There were missing urinals in the south main hall boys’ restroom.
- There was no exhaust fan in the south main hall boys’ restroom.
- There were some unprotected lights in the south main hall girls’ restroom.
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- There were some unprotected lights in the north main hall boys’ restroom.
- There was a damaged light switch in the north main hall boys’ restroom.
- There were some damaged stalls in the north main hall boys’ restroom.
- **There was a damaged urinal in the north main hall boys’ restroom.**
- There were some damaged paper towel dispensers in the north main hall boys’ restroom.
- There was a damaged lavatory faucet in the north main hall boys’ restroom.
- There were some damaged stalls in the band hall boys’ restroom.
- There was no exhaust fan in the band hall boys’ restroom.
- There were some damaged and missing ceiling tiles in the band hall girls’ restroom.
- There was a missing stall door in the band hall girls’ restroom.
- There was no exhaust fan in the band hall girls’ restroom.
- There was a damaged paper towel dispenser in the new wing boys’ restroom.
- There was an unprotected electrical outlet in the new wing boys’ restroom.
- There was a damaged soap dispenser in the new wing boys’ restroom.
- There was an unprotected light switch in the new wing boys’ restroom.

### **Classrooms**

- There was no evacuation maps posted.
- Classroom 27 had an unprotected electrical outlet on a work station.
- There were some missing ceiling tiles in the Physics lab.
- There was an unprotected electrical outlet on the north wall of the band hall.
- There were some missing ceiling tiles in the band hall storage closets.
- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage in the new wing.
- Several classroom second means of egress windows were obstructed in the new wing.
- Rooms 101 and 102 had a partition wall that did not appear to be Class A, B, or C material.

### **Biology Lab**

- There was some damaged floor tiles in the Biology lab.
- There were some damaged workstations in the Biology lab.
- There were some unprotected electrical outlets on the workstations in the Biology lab.

- There was no chemical inventory.
- There were no Material Safety Data Sheets.
- Chemical storage area was not vented.
- Chemical storage area was cluttered.

### **JROTC Building**

- There was a discharged portable fire extinguisher.

### **Gymnasium**

- There was some damaged wood floor by the northwest exit door.
- There were some roof leaks around the heating units.
- ~~There were not enough portable fire extinguishers.~~
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- ~~There were some unprotected electrical outlets in the stage area.~~
- ~~There was an inoperative lighted exit sign.~~
- There was a padlock on the exit door in the visitor boys dressing room.
- There was a damaged light switch cover in the visitor boys dressing room.
- ~~There was evidence of an electrical fire under the water fountain by the visitor girls dressing room.~~
- ~~There was a discharged portable fire extinguisher in the visitor girls dressing room.~~
- ~~There was no second means of egress in the visitor dressing rooms.~~
- ~~There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the hallway by the visitor girls dressing room.~~
- There was an inoperative toilet in the visitor girls dressing room.
- ~~There was an unprotected electrical outlet in the weight room.~~
- There was a deadbolt and some slide locks on the weight room exit door.
- ~~There was a discharged portable fire extinguisher in the weight room.~~
- West exit doors had damaged panic hardware.
- ~~West exit doors had slide locks.~~
- Seating capacity was posted but not visible to the public.

### **Field House**

- There was an extension cord being used as a permanent power source.

### **Utilities**

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.
- Boiler certificate was out-of-date in the gymnasium.
- Boiler certificate was out-of-date in the boiler room.
- There were two missing blanks in the electrical panel in the boiler room.

**Indianola Career and Technical Center**  
**Attended by: Coach Mario Young**

**Findings:**

**Classrooms**

- There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the Auto Trades shop.
- There were some exposed wires in the tool room in the Auto Trades shop.
- There were some damaged ceiling tiles in the tool room in the Auto Trades shop.
- There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the Metal Trades shop.
- There were some extension cords in the Metal trades shop.
- There were some unprotected fluorescent lights in the Building Trades shop.

**Restrooms**

- There were some unprotected lights in the girls' restroom.

**Robert L. Merritt Middle School**  
**Attended by: Mr. Edwards**

**Findings:**

**Exterior**

- There was no visitor parking signs.
- There were no signs directing visitors to the main office.
- There were some damaged downspouts on the front of the school.
- ~~There was an unprotected light by the south exit door.~~

**Interior**

- There were inoperative lighted exit signs in the main hallways.
- Several ceiling tiles throughout the building were water damaged.
- There was padlock hardware on the main exit doors.
- Windows on the north side of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway open to an enclosed courtyard.

**Restrooms**

- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the west 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing toilet seat lid in the west 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing stall in the west 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing stall door in the east 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' restroom.
- There was a ceiling tile out of place in the east 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' restroom.
- There was a missing urinal in the east 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing stall door in the east 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the east 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing lavatory handle in the west 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the west 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing paper towel dispenser in the west 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' restroom.

- There was a missing lavatory handle in the west 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' restroom.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the west 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' restroom.

### **Classrooms**

- There was an extension cord being used as a permanent power source in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade computer lab.
- Classroom second means of egress windows were not identified by signage.
- ~~Several classroom second means of egress windows were obstructed.~~
- There was some damaged rubber floor base in the music room.
- There was missing rubber floor base in the band hall 115.
- There was a damaged electrical outlet on the south wall of band hall 116.
- There was an extension cord being used as a permanent power source in 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer lab.
- ~~Window curtains throughout school did not appear to be flame retardant.~~

### **Science Lab**

- There was no chemical inventory.
- There were no Material Safety Data Sheets.

### **Gymnasium**

- There were some unprotected lights above the north bleachers.
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- ~~There were not enough portable fire extinguishers.~~
- There was no emergency lighting at the east exit door.
- There were inoperative lighted exit signs.
- There was no lighted exit sign above west exit doors.
- ~~Seating capacity was not posted.~~
- ~~Evacuation maps were not posted.~~

### **Kitchen/Dining Area**

- There were damaged floor tiles in the dining area.
- ~~There was no evacuation maps posted in the dining area.~~
- There were inoperative lighted exit signs.
- There was no lighted exit sign above the west exit door.
- There were several damaged ceiling tiles in the dining area.

### **Utilities**

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

## Lockard Elementary

### Findings:

#### Exterior

- There was no visitor parking signs.
- ~~There were some unprotected lights in the west end breezeway.~~
- There were some exposed wires in the west end breezeway.
- Dirt had washed away from the building in several areas.

#### Interior

- There were some inoperative lighted exit signs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade building.
- There was a missing clock in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade building.
- ~~There were slide locks on the main exit doors in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade building.~~
- There were some inoperative lighted exit signs in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade building.
- ~~There were slide locks on the main exit doors in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade building.~~
- There were several roof leaks.
- There was a lock on the exit doors in the kindergarten hall.
- There were some damaged floor tiles in the kindergarten hall.

#### Classrooms

- There was no second means of egress in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade building.
- Existing windows did not meet Life Safety Code requirements in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade building.
- Second means of egress windows were obstructed in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade building.
- ~~Some rooms had over 20 % of their walls covered with artwork in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade building.~~
- Kindergarten rooms 19, 24, 25, 26 did not have second means of egress.

#### Restrooms

- There was a missing exhaust fan cover in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an inoperative exhaust fan in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an inoperative urinal in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was a missing lavatory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was some damaged wall tile in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an unprotected wall switch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There was an unprotected wall switch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls' restroom.
- There was some damaged ceiling tile in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There were some malfunctioning lights in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade boys' restroom.
- There were no exhaust fans in the kindergarten restroom.
- There was some damaged floor tile in the kindergarten girl's restroom.
- First grade hall boy's restroom had a damaged faucet.

#### Playground

- Playground did not have enough shock absorbing surface material below equipment.

## **Utilities**

- Main utility shut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

## **Indianola Academic Achievement Center**

**Attended by: D. W. Dozier**

## **Findings:**

### **Signage**

- There was no sign indicating school name.
- There was no sign indicating weapons, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited.

## **Utilities**

- Main utility cut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

## **Main Hall**

- The main hall is being shared with Head Start Students.

## **Classrooms**

- There was an electrical cover missing on the north wall in room 101.
- Several classrooms had some damaged asbestos floor tile.
- Paint was peeling off the West wall in several classrooms.

## **Exterior**

- The A/C electrical panels were not secured.

## **Restrooms**

- There were no exhaust fans in the restrooms.

## **Auditorium**

- There was no emergency lighting.
- There was no exit lighting.
- There was no panic hardware on the exit doors.
- Seating capacity was not posted.
- There were some unprotected lights in the stage area.

## **Carver School Third Grade Hall**

### **Findings:**

#### **Signage**

- There was no signage designating that weapons, tobacco and drugs are prohibited.

#### **Library**

- ~~The Southwest exit door was obstructed with a book case.~~

#### **Utilities**

- Main utility shut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.

#### **Awning**

- ~~There were some unprotected lights under the North awning.~~

#### **Hallway**

- ~~There was no exit sign above the North exit door.~~
- ~~There was a damaged electrical outlet on the southeast end of the main hall.~~
- Electrical panels were not secured.

#### **Classrooms**

- There were roof leaks in room 10.
- ~~There was an inoperative window A/C unit in room 11.~~
- There was no evacuation maps posted in classrooms.
- Classroom windows were not marked as a second means of egress.
- Several classrooms had an obstructed second means of egress window.
- Several classrooms had more than 20% of walls covered with artwork.
- ~~Several classrooms were cluttered.~~
- A permanent power source is needed in the music room.
- An electrical cord was being use for a permanent source of electricity in the music room.
- Glass was broken on the south exit door of main hall.
- ~~Classroom on the south end of the main hall is full of clutter.~~

#### **Restrooms**

- There was a roof leak in the girl's restroom.
- ~~There were missing ceiling tiles in the restrooms.~~
- Exhaust fans were not working in restrooms.

#### **Exterior**

- ~~Gutters had vegetation growing in them.~~

## Fourth Grade Hall

### Findings:

#### Exterior

- There were ruts in the yard outside the restrooms.
- Phone panel was broken off the east side of the building.
- Gutters were stopped up.

#### Hallway

- ~~There was no exit sign above the north exit door.~~
- Electrical panels were not secured.
- ~~There were some open blanks in the electrical panel on the north end of the main hall.~~

#### Classrooms

- There were some damaged ceiling tiles in room 4.
- There was a broken window in room 24.
- There were no evacuation maps in classrooms.
- Classroom windows were not marked as a second means of egress.
- Several classrooms had an obstructed second means of egress window.
- Several walls had damaged sheetrock/plaster.

#### Restrooms

- There were inoperative exhaust fans in restrooms.

#### Kitchen

- ~~There was no exit sign above the southwest exit door.~~
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the head start room.
- ~~There was no emergency lighting in the dining area.~~
- Seating capacity was not posted.
- There was no evacuation maps posted in the dining area.
- There was no boiler certificate.

#### Carver Gym

- The southwest A/C unit was not working.
- The north A/C unit drains leaks.
- The restroom exhaust fans do not work.
- There was no emergency lighting on the gym playing area.
- Seating capacity was not posted.

## Fifth Grade Hall

### Findings:

#### Restrooms

- There were inoperative exhaust fans in restrooms.

- There was a damaged urinal in the boys restroom.

### **Main Hall**

- There was an inoperative water fountain in the main hall.

### **Classrooms**

- The exterior walls had sheetrock/plaster damage.
- There were no evacuation maps in classrooms.
- Classroom windows were not marked as a second means of egress.
- Several classrooms had an obstructed second means of egress window.

## **Cassie Pennington Junior High**

### **Findings:**

#### **Exterior Signage**

- There was no signage designating that weapons, tobacco and drugs are prohibited.

#### **Classrooms**

- There were no evacuation maps in classrooms.
- Classroom windows were not marked as a second means of egress.
- Several classrooms had an obstructed second means of egress window.
- Room five had some damaged floor and ceiling tile.
- Room five had some sheetrock/plaster damage.

#### **Lab**

- There was no chemical inventory.
- There were no MSDS sheets.
- Student workstations were damaged.
- There were some old chemicals.
- There were some missing ceiling tiles.

#### **Restrooms**

- There were no exhaust fans.

#### **Technology building**

- There was a pad lock on the north exit door.
- There was some damaged sheetrock.
- There was a broken electrical switch plate cover next to the south exit door.

#### **Band Hall**

- There was a roof leak in the band hall.

## **Kitchen**

- There were no exit signs.
- Dish washer was not working.
- Seat capacity was not posted.
- There was no evacuation maps posted in the dining area.
- There was no boiler certificate.

## **Gym**

- ~~There was no emergency lighting.~~
- There were no exit lights.
- There was no portable fire extinguisher on the play surface.
- There were no evacuation maps.
- There was no portable fire extinguisher in the stage area.
- There was a roof leak in the stage area.
- There was a roof leak on the southeast corner of the gym.
- There was some damaged electrical conduit along the west wall of the playing surface.
- There was a pad lock on the northwest exit door.

## **In School Suspension Classroom**

- ~~There was no second means of egress.~~

## **Auditorium**

- Seating capacity was not posted.
- ~~There was a lock on the southeast exit door.~~

## **Utilities**

- Main utility shut-offs were not identified by signage.
- No campus map exists to identify the location of main utility shut-offs.