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Dr. Alan Groveman
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Dear Dr. Groveman:

It has come to the attention of the Association that there are numerous health and safety issues within the district that have the potential to adversely affect the teachers and students. The Association is now interested in the procedures the District has in place to safeguard the teachers and students from potential health and safety hazards.

Section 155.3 entitled *Comprehensive Public School Safety Program*, states "To ensure that all school facilities are properly maintained and preserved and provide suitable educational settings, the Board of Education of each school district and each Board of Cooperative Educational Services shall cause all occupied school facilities which are owned, operated or leased by the District or board to comply with the provisions of the Comprehensive Public School Safety Program as set forth in this section and the Uniform of Public School Building, Inspections, Safety Rating and Monitoring ..." This section outlines the procedural safeguards which include:

- Building Condition Surveys
- Annual Visual Inspections
- Five Year Capital Facilities Plan
- Monitoring System

We are interested in obtaining the documentation and reports that show that the District has taken the appropriate actions and is in compliance with the above regulation.

The RESCUE Law of 1998, which mandated changes in the Commissioner of Education's Regulation 8 NYCRR, Parts 155.3 through 155.6 states that each District shall establish a health and safety committee which is comprised of representation from District officials, staff, bargaining units and parents. The CTA is not aware that such a committee exists. Please advise us if this is not the case.

The regulations referenced above regarding health and safety are not exhaustive and we will bring more to you as they come to our attention. Please provide the CTA with the information requested above. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 244-2370 during school hours or on my cell at 516-551-0542 outside school hours.

Sincerely,

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