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PASSAIC BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCES REMOVAL OF 17-YEAR OLD TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS

PASSAIC, NJ— At the Board of Education meeting being held on Monday, November 26, 2018 Passaic Public Schools Superintendent Pablo Muñoz will introduce a resolution that proposes the removal of the last 17-year old temporary classroom units (TCUs) in the district.

Muñoz credits the School Development Authority and the New Jersey legislature’s ongoing commitment to ease overcrowding in the district, noting, “With the opening of Sonia Sotomayor School No. 21, and 35 new classrooms, we are able to shift student placement into new state-of-the-art instructional spaces.”

“Removing the TCUs is a part of the commitment our Board of Education made to the City of Passaic,” said Board of Education President Peter T. Rosario, “and we are proud to honor that commitment as we work to give our children the schools they deserve.”

The resolution is a part of the multi-year district realignment of the school district that began in July 2017 with the removal of 32 TCUs at the site of the Dayton Avenue Educational Complex. In September 2019, the district will open Sonia Sotomayor School No. 21 as a neighborhood school serving over 600 students in grades K-8. It will provide 35 new classrooms, with a media center, science learning laboratory, art, music, occupational and physical therapy spaces.

“For years we have heard from disappointed parents about classrooms in TCUs, and I am pleased with the plans to remove these units. The removal of TCUs combined with the opening of new schools is providing our school children with the classroom space they need and learning opportunities they deserve.” Mayor Hector C. Lora stated. “City officials are working with Board of Education commissioners and school administrators to make sure that children growing up in our city have access to quality education.”

In addition to the removal of the 11 TCUs at School No. 1, the Board of Education is planning on providing new or fully restored TCUs at School No. 10 to maintain its commitment to provide the best learning spaces for Passaic students.

“The City Council has been asking for the removal of these TCUs for many years, and we are thankful to our Governor, the School Development Authority, and my fellow legislators, for ensuring that Passaic’s children have clean and safe classrooms to learn,” added Assemblyman and City Council President Gary Schaer.

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