Dr. Henry Perrine Academy of the Arts Construction Project

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Overview of Project:

In 2026, the Office of Facilities commissioned Veitia Padron Construction Company to build a new stage for Dr. Henry Perrine Academy of the Arts, in addition to other facility needs for the school. We deeply believe that we should invest in school facilities that best reflect the talent of the school.

The areas of construction are as follows -

1. **Cafetorium**
    - New permanent stage
    - New stage house lighting
    - New Audio Visual System
    - New convertible dining/auditorium seating
    - Dining room interior wall paint

2. **Room 109**
    - Remodeling into a new music room
    - New interior paint
    - New flooring
    - New light fixtures

Project Timeline & Duration:

1. **Room 102 and 109:**
    - *December 14th, 2026:* Furniture relocation
2. **Construction mobilization:**
    - *December 18th to December 20th, 2026:* Temporary barricade installation
    - *December 21st to December 23rd, 2026:* Asbestos Abatement
    - *December 28th, 2026 to January 28th, 2027:* Demolition work

Construction phase:

- *December 18th, 2026 to May 31st, 2027*

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PTA/Parent Meeting Summaries

In September 2026, parents shared concerns about the project and potential air and school environment issues during construction. In response, the Office of Facilities & Design and South Region Office organized meetings to hear and address concerns.

- **10/1/26**
  - **Updates from the Facilities & Construction team**
    - The cafeteria renovation will affect approximately 20% of the cafeteria. Demolition is expected to take 4–6 weeks, with the full project lasting approximately six months.
    - VPI outlined dust-containment measures, including construction barriers, HVAC isolation, capped air ducts, and air filtration. However, the contractor could not guarantee 100% dust containment.
    - The District reported asbestos in the external insulation wrapping of ductwork in the project area. Testing reportedly found no lead-based paint or mold concerns in the areas assessed.
  - **Updates from the school/Region**
    - Dr. Rios committed to reassessing the demolition schedule.
    - Construction will be isolated from the remainder of the cafeteria. The principal and Facilities will coordinate accommodations and advance communication with families.
    - Principal Leville-Brown suggested holding virtual meetings to provide ongoing updates.
  - **Next steps**
    - Safety documentation: Facilities will provide the environmental assessment to the principal and clarify the findings and remediation procedures.
    - Parents and the principal requested clarification about why the original black box theater concept was changed to a cafeteria renovation with a stage. District staff agreed to investigate and provide an explanation.
    - Facilities will provide a cost comparison between the original black box theater concept and the approved cafeteria renovation.
- **10/13/26**
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- **10/26/26**
  - **Updates from the Facilities & construction team**

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- The construction schedule was provided with the dates shown above.
- Drawings showing the location of the construction area and the future location of the new stage were presented for the PTA to understand the project.

Asbestos Report:

Summary of Findings:

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) personnel reviewed the scope of work for the remodeling/renovation project in FISH 102 and 109 (Project# 02691100) at Dr. Henry E. Perrine Academy of the Arts.

According to the National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) renovation inspection, the following suspect materials were sampled, and the laboratory analytical results indicated that they were non-asbestos-containing materials.

Building 1: FISH 102

- *Tan/white 2'x2' dot dot ceiling tile*
- *Gray plaster wall*
- *Drywall system wall*
- *Black vinyl cove base w/glue*
- *Tan 1 'x1' vinyl floor tile w/glue*

Building 1: FISH 100

Gray sink undercoat

Building 1: FISH 109

- *Tan/white 2'x2' dot dot ceiling tile*
- *Black vinyl cove base w/glue*
- *Tan 1 'x1' vinyl floor tile w/glue*
- *Gray concrete slab*

According to the NESHAP renovation inspection, the following suspect materials were sampled, and the laboratory analytical results indicated to be asbestos-containing materials.

Building 1: FISH 102

- *Yellow HVAC mastic on vents (2% chrysotile)*
- *Black HVAC mastic (4% chrysotile)*

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Two-Weeks at a Glance:

November 2nd to November 13th Updates:

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Who to Contact:

If you have any questions or additional concerns, please contact:

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