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SIXTH DISTRICT
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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John Lee Evans, Ph.D., Board Vice President- District A
Board of Education Office
San Diego Unified School District
4100 Normal Street, Room 2231
San Diego, CA 92103

Dear Dr. Evans:

As the Council representative of the Sixth District of the City of San Diego, I am proud to represent the community of Mira Mesa. It is home to a distinguished cluster of schools, including Hickman Elementary School. It is my understanding that there are a number of repairs that need to be made or completed at Hickman Elementary which I wish to bring to your attention.

According to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Hickman Elementary, several requests for repairs have been made that have either remained unfinished (even though they were marked as completed), or have yet to be done. Among them are the flooding damage to one of the Kindergarten classrooms, repairs to the third-grade building, defective rain gutters that need to be replaced, and the need for major upgrades to the band room that has not been functional for several years. Additionally, I understand their water fountains were tested for lead concentration, and the results were that the lead levels were higher than the allowable limit and, to date, no action has been taken.

As such, I respectfully request that you follow-up on the above-listed concerns to help ensure that Hickman Elementary is a clean, safe, environmentally friendly, and well-maintained school campus. I am sure you will agree with me, the physical environment of a school makes all the difference when it comes to the performance, attendance and successful learning of students.

Sincerely,

Chris Cate
Councilmember, Sixth District

cc: Cindy Marten, Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District
Lee Dulgeroff, Chief Facilities Planning & Construction Officer, San Diego Unified School District
Tobie Pace, Principal, Hickman Elementary School
Kristie Rudolph, President, Hickman Elementary PTA