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Greetings:

Yesterday, I received word that some progress had been made regarding the removal of lead from the Child Development Center (CDC). A summary of that progress follows.

On October 3rd Lake Superior State University received a proposal from U.P. Engineers and Architects (UPEA) to perform a full lead based paint inspection of the Child Development Center. We have accepted that proposal and they will perform this inspection on October 6th. After the lead inspection, UPEA will provide a report outlining the results. UPEA has also been given the approval to proceed with schematic design which will include a cost estimate to renovate Michigan Hall (the actual name of the CDC) to mediate the lead risk, make it ADA accessible, and replace or upgrade the kitchen. The schematic design package will be submitted to LSSU by October 12, 2011.

Upon receipt by LSSU, the schematic design package will be submitted to the President's cabinet for review. If the cabinet determines the project should go forward, the LSSU Physical Plant will then work with UPEA to provide a full set of construction documents including specifications to mediate the lead risk. UPEA will also provide a list of potential lead abatement contractors. When the construction documents are complete and if the cabinet determines the project can continue to move forward, the project will be bid out. From that point forward, LSSU's Physical Plant would work with the selected contractor(s) to ensure all requirements are met. After the renovations are complete UPEA will complete clearance testing to ensure a safe environment.

At this time we do not have an estimated timetable for this process; beyond the delivery of the schematic design package. Once we know the scope of the required work and have met with the successful bidder(s), we can provide an estimate for the completion of the project.

I hope this helps to answer some of the questions you may have regarding the lead removal progress ongoing in the CDC. If you have additional questions, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Morrie Walworth
Provost and Vice President