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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 20, 2019

TO: Board of Education
Planning Board
Board of Finance
Board of Representatives

FROM: Michael E. Handler, Stamford Asset Management Group 

CC: David Martin, Mayor
Dr. Tamu Lucero, Superintendent

RE: Lease of temporary space for TRAILBLAZERS, RISE and LEAP

On July 15th, the BOE was notified that Domus would not be continuing the Trailblazers Middle School program. At the Superintendent's request, on August 29th, the Stamford Asset Management Group visited the site at 83 Lockwood Avenue and determined that the space is not acceptable for immediate continued use as a school. The work that would be required to make the space suitable cannot be completed in the short time before school starts; and given the presence of asbestos, the work cannot safely be performed while the school is occupied. Additionally, the SAMG has determined that the space utilized by the Rise program, located in the old Agricultural Science building at Westhill High School, also requires significant improvements making that location unsuitable as a learning environment.

It is for these reasons that we have sought to identify alternate space on a temporary basis until we identify a permanent solution. The short-term solution that we are pursuing is a lease at 68 Southfield Avenue, which consists of 15,000 square feet located on the first floor. This space was previously used as a daycare center. Modifications to the space are minimal and can be completed within the remaining few days before classes begin. All costs associated with this lease shall be borne by the SAMG.