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June/July 2013 Flooding Event and School Facility Damage

The following counties have been declared a State Disaster Emergency as a result of the extraordinary rain the State has received since June 27, 2013: Broome, Chenango, Clinton, Essex, Delaware, Franklin, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie, St. Lawrence, Tioga, and Warren.

Governor Cuomo has formally requested that President Obama issue a major disaster declaration for the State of New York as a result of severe storms and major flooding that occurred on June 27 and 28, 2013.

If your school facilities have sustained damage as a direct result of this weather event, please do the following:

- 1. Contact your County Emergency Manager to provide them with a brief description of the damage.
- Contact your Facilities Planning Project Manager to inform them of the damage and establish an emergency project (if needed). For additional information on emergency projects, see: www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/policy/capital construction-emergencies.html.
- It is critical that you maintain detailed records of the damage, including photographic documentation of each area, equipment, and supplies that have sustained damage.
- It is also critical that you retain all receipts for any equipment the district has purchased or rented as a direct result of the flood.
- Contact the State Archives for technical assistance in addressing issues related to a records disaster (student records, personnel records, etc.) at: <u>ARCH_SOS@mail.nysed.gov</u>. For additional State Archives assistance, see: <u>www.archives.nysed.gov/a/disaster/disaster_after.shtml</u>.
- Finally, please remember that mold grows very quickly in these types of events. The following guidance provides helpful advice on addressing, preventing, and mitigating potential mold problems in schools: <u>www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/pdfs/publications/moldfactsheet.pdf</u> <u>www.epa.gov/iedmold1/mold_remediation.html</u>