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Mapp Is Said To Be 'Generally Satisfied' With Work Performed On Schools Ahead Of September Reopening

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ST. CROIX -- Governor Kenneth Mapp is generally satisfied with the work done on St. Croix's public schools by contractor APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, which has performed temporary school repairs at six of the district's educational institutions, Government House announced Monday.

Touring three of the schools with projects managed by APTIM on Friday, Mr. Mapp is said to have expressed his satisfaction with the upgrades to Alfredo Andrews Elementary, Pearl B. Larsen Elementary and John H. Woodson Junior High schools.

Observing cleaned and sanitized classrooms, walls, floors and bathrooms, as well as newly installed ceiling tiles, the governor remarked: “Not bad at all.”

According to the release, during his inspection, work crews could be seen completing various tasks and the governor was assured by APTIM executives that work would be completed in time for the reopening of schools. Jason Edward, APTIM construction manager, guided the governor and his delegation on the tours, and offered insight into the extent of the company's work.

“Any damaged equipment was removed,” he said. “We’ve taken out all of the ceiling tiles, we’ve cleaned and sanitized all the floors, all the walls, and where the floor was damaged, we have removed [and replaced] floor tiles.” According to Government House, Mr. Edward pointed out that the cleaning agents used in the schools are of hospital-grade quality, and are effective for treating mold and mildew without any negative impact on the environment or persons who will be using the space.

Government House said APTIM’s responsibilities include mold remediation, roof repairs, sanitation and other necessary repairs at Alexander Henderson Elementary School, Alfredo Andrews Elementary School, Eulalie Rivera Elementary School, Pearl B. Larsen Elementary School, Lew Muckle Elementary School, and John H. Woodson Junior High School.