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Dear Superintendents:

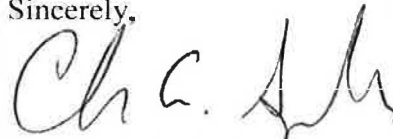
Deputy Commissioner Tangorra asked me to respond to your recent letter regarding the backlog in the Office of Facilities Planning. I share your concern and am aware of the significant fiscal and educational impact the delays are causing school districts.

The Department has submitted four hiring waivers, two architects and two engineers, for approval to the Division of Budget and has begun canvassing for the positions. The positions will increase our architectural/engineering staffing by 66 percent. The additional staffing will enable us to significantly reduce the backlog over a six month period.

Although Mr. Thurnau has no immediate plans to retire, he is working with the staff member who he feels can best lead the office when he does retire.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ch. A. Szuberla, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Charles A. Szuberla, Jr.

C: Deputy Commissioner Tangorra