

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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City Manager

February 5, 1979

To the Honorable, the City Council:

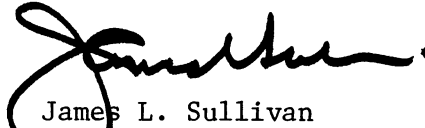
In response to the City Council's request for a status report on the War Memorial Pool, please be advised as follows:

1. The pool was closed by the Health Department for a Violation of Article VI of the Sanitary Code for a defective ceiling in the pool area caused by the roof leaking.
2. The School Department and the Health Department have been monitoring the air and water through different engineering firms and have found no harmful levels of asbestos.
3. The ceilings in the building do contain asbestos which will eventually be required to be removed by the State Division of Occupational Hygiene.
4. The City is in the process of preparing plans and specifications for the removal of these ceilings. These plans will be submitted to the Division of Occupational Hygiene for approval. When an accurate price estimate is available, I will come to the City Council for approval of an addition to the High School bond issue.
5. While the pool is closed for this work, the much-needed replacement of the pipes and filters will also be undertaken. This amount will also be included in the addition to the bond issue. (Estimate 125-135 thousand dollars)
6. The replacement of the defective roof is covered under the High School contract. Efforts are now underway to coordinate the roof and ceiling work.
7. The School Administration is working to provide

alternative physical education stations during
this period.

Thus, the City is taking action to rectify the problem
of the ceiling before any asbestos becomes airborne, and before
it is ordered to do so by the State.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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