

The City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

SCHOOLS

To: Borough Superintendents

Date: July 24, 1968

From: Thomas V. Burke, Director of Operations

Subject: Portable School Buildings

A considerable number of portable school buildings, of class 5, metal construction, have been approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals for specific locations. The approvals were limited to a period of five years. The buildings have been constructed by the Board of Education.

The time limitation of five years has expired for many of the buildings and will expire shortly for others. Certificates of occupancy have been limited to the five-year period.

Violation orders have been filed to require that approval of the Board be obtained for extensions of the five-year limitations, and that new certificates of occupancy be obtained.

At a meeting of Commissioner O'Neill, Hugh McLaren, Executive Director of the Office of School Buildings, Joseph Klein, Commissioner of the Board of Standards and Appeals, on June 27th, 1968, it was decided that this department would extend the approvals of such buildings for an additional five years, provided the Board of Standards and Appeals would consent to such procedure.

By letter dated July 19, 1968, Chairman Glass of the Board advised Commissioner O'Neill that the Board had decided that the Commissioner of Buildings could renew the certificate of occupancy of the temporary school buildings for an additional period of five years, on condition that the design and materials of construction are substantially the same as those originally approved and provided that the Commissioner of Buildings determines that the structures are sanitary and safe for their intended use.

In conformance with the letter of Chairman Glass, Borough Superintendents shall renew the existing certificates of occupancy for an additional period of five years after expiration of the original approval, provided inspection of the buildings shows that they are sanitary and safe for such school use, and are substantially the same as originally approved.

A new temporary certificate of occupancy shall be issued, with the new expiration date, for the same use, live load, and number of persons as the original certificate. An application for such new certificate shall not be required from the Board of Education. A copy of each new certificate shall be sent to the Board of Education.

Where a substantial change in construction or occupancy is found, a violation order shall be filed setting forth the nature of the change and requiring that an alteration application be filed and that a new certificate of occupancy be obtained.

(Signed)

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