YEAR TWO---FIRST QUARTER REPORT
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Governance
The members of the current Board have shown a willingness to devote a great deal of time and

D ue to vacant positions within the leadership team and the demanding nature of some of the challenges

facing the District the Acting Superinte ndent has no t been able to get out to the buildings to m eet face

to face with parents and staff as frequently as would be desirable. In fact, this has happened relatively

infrequently during this quarter. While this kind of interaction is important but difficult in any district, it

is particularly important in Hempstead which has se

this quarter.

district which faces significant fiscal challenges but as the OSC report notes the District is currently doing
a solid job of managing them. Given the District’s recent track record I had expected this level of score
on the factors within the District’s control. If the District’s stays on course, next year’s score should be
lower.
Safety/Security
Security continues to be relatively good across all schools with few of the kinds of incidents which were
happening on an almost daily basis at the High School in the fall of 2017.
The supervisor of the security department remains on administrative leave with pay while an
investigation is being conducted. This has placed a strain on the District but operations have been
maintained at a satisfactory level.
Facilities
Phase 1 of the Rhodes Elementary School demolition and construction of a new school was approved by
NYSED in mid-December. Phase 1 involves the demolition of the existing building and some site
preparation. Bids are being solicited and should be awarded in mid-February.
Plans for Phase 2—construction of the new building---will be submitted to NYSED for review around the
end of January.
The Board interviewed the two top companies who responded to the RFP for construction manager for
the Rhodes project. A formal decision should be made shortly.
Two proposals for an Energy Performance Contract were submitted by companies which have done
many of these projects on Long Island. Both are currently under review. -
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The District has been negotiating for the lease of more space at 100 Main Street for potential use for
offices and/or students. There is nothing conclusive at this point.
Many of the District’s buildings had to be placed on “fire watch” when it was determined that devices in

In the paragraph above I noted the reduction in the percentage of 1’s and the increase in the percentage
of 3’s and 4’s on State assessments in the District’s elementary schools over the past three years. This