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Lee School District: Latest on Hurricane Ian damaged schools



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It's been nearly four months since Hurricane Ian barreled through Lee County, damaging three schools to the point students are still unable to return.

Across the district, 35% of maintenance service requests related to damages from the hurricane have been completed.

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Here is the most recent updates on Fort Myers Beach Elementary, Hector A Cafferata Jr. Elementary and The Sanibel School provided by the Lee County School District:

Fort Myers Beach Elementary

- The district is having a town hall on Jan. 13 to discuss options for the future of the beach school.
- There will be a presentation on those options and a decision made in February.
- The district is currently remediating and stabilizing the historic building. That work is expected to be complete at the end of January.
- A waiver for the 50% rule has been requested from the State Historic Preservation Office. The 50% rule is a regulation made by the National Flood

Insurance Program that prohibits improvements or repairs to a structure exceeding 50% of its market value.

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Hector A. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School

- The temporary portable campus for the elementary school at Cape Coral Technical College has been completed. Students returned on Dec. 19.
- Long-term plans for the school are still being finalized.
- A presentation on the options for the school will be given on Jan. 24.

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The Sanibel School

- The remediation of the school is complete.
- The replacement of the HVAC and electrical equipment is currently underway and should be complete at the end of January.
- The district will schedule the reopening of the school once all safety criteria are met.

