

1. Which department in the district handles problems with the roof and ceiling? Who is the contact person? It starts with our admin team submitting work orders through our maintenance shops or through our district architecture department. Once the roofing shop receives the work order they decide if they can fix or patch the leaks in the roof or if we need to put the job out for bid for a 3rd party to repair it. Depending on the cost, the school will pay out of a small budget, or the district will use their budget for the repairs. I am the contact person at the school site. The shop foreman is the contact person depending on which shop it applies to.
2. Given that Cottonwood is an older school, is there a plan to replace the roof? How will the school fund the necessary repairs? Will a fundraiser be necessary? The district/school has short- and long-term plans called "capital requests" and they are sent to the central office to be triaged and categorized. If the district were to decide to repair the entire original roof, 3 bids would be solicited and the amount for the job would need to go before the board of education to approve the funding. The money would come out of the general fund, bond funds, or M and O monies.
3. Are other rooms in the building experiencing leaks or flooding issues? I am currently aware of 7 roof leaks in the building. Most of the leaks are in common areas, such as hallways etc.
4. When will the ceiling be repaired in 229? Will the students be able to return to their classroom this school year? The current leak in room 229 has been in the charge of a 3rd party contractor for several weeks now. They have been waiting for a few days without snow to complete the work. We are hopeful that the leak in room 229 will be repaired soon. Currently, we are at the mercy of the contractor. In the current economy, contractors are in short supply and the costs for work are extremely inflated. We have one of the hottest construction economies in the country right now and the lowest unemployment rates in the country as well. This is contributing to the delay. The roof leak in room 229 is of the highest priority for me and the district departments in charge.
5. What is the district process for allocating funds to particular schools? How are repair projects prioritized? Funding for schools is a flat rate allocated each year. The funding for capital projects can roll over year after year so that we can save for bigger projects. Some projects are just too big for the school to pay by themselves, and we must petition the district to pick up the costs. The ever-present challenge is, there are infinite things that need to be repaired but our budgets are finite. The need will always outpace the funding sources. I think it would be shocking to find out the cost to replace the entire roof at Cottonwood. Fundraising would not begin to pay for the entirety of the project.

