



## FIELD OBSERVATION REPORT

Child Nutrition Building (Food Service Building, 202276 -CA8)

Date: 3/11/2026 Time: 9:00 AM

Weather: 50°F

Observed by: Joseph Jones, AIA

Report No: 30

Trades Observed on Site: GC crew, mechanical, electrical

### 1. Work observed in Progress

- a) The site was muddy from the rain.
- b) An above ceiling inspection was conducted on this day.
- c) Painting interior.
- d) Cabinet installation.
- e) Mechanical work.
- f) Electrical work.

### 2. General Observations

- a) All the concrete apron was poured in front of the dry food storage portion of the project.

The loading dock canopy was not yet covered with sheet metal soffit and fascia.



- b) The exterior of the office area of the building appeared to be nearing completion.



- c) Site work was slowed by recent rains.

The metal panels at the main entrance storefront doors and framing were being installed.



- d) The concrete pad for the original condensing unit had been poured.



- e) The interior vestibule storefront framing and glass were installed.



- f) Painters were applying the final coat of paint in the office area.



- g) Ceiling grids, light fixtures, GRDs, sprinkler heads and occupancy sensors were installed in ceiling tiles for the above ceiling inspection conducted on this day.

Refer to the report from CMTA concerning their comments about the mechanical and electrical work above ceiling and installed in the grid.

Due to the nature of the work, if one item was cited as a deficiency, it was typically repeated numerous times. Refer to the architectural comments at the end of this report.



- h) Protection board had been placed over the recently installed vinyl plank flooring.



- i) Plastic laminate cabinets were being installed in the office area.



- j) Base and wall cabinets were installed in the Break Room.



- k) Electricians were pulling wire into the electrical panels.



- l) Plastic laminate cabinets were installed in the Training Room.

Acoustical ceiling panels were stored for installation after the above ceiling work is approved.



- m) Ceramic floor and wall tiles were installed in the toilets. Plumbing fixtures were installed. Toilet compartments and accessories were yet to be installed.



- n) Toilet fixtures were sealed to the floor and walls as specified.



- o) Walls and door frames were being painted in the entry corridor into the toilets and the Training Room.



- p) The storefront exterior entrance and doors to the Training Room corridor were in place. Now that this is in place, the surround at the north column can be installed.



- q) On the south side of the side entrance, aluminum trim will be added and held in place with trim tape on the frame and sealant at the brick.



- r) On the north side of the side entrance, aluminum trim will be added and held in place with trim tape on the frame and sealant at the metal panel.

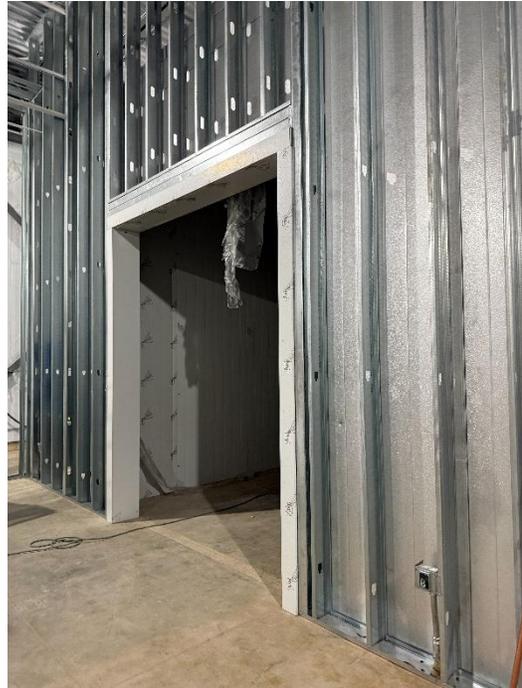
Once the trim is in place, the storefront will be the same width as the panels above.



- s) Two 2'x2' access panels were indicated on the north side of the freezer box for access to the area above the box. We have discussed changing this to have one 3'x3' panel over the swinging door on the east side of the box. This will provide access where there are no items in the way and a larger opening for accessing the space.



- t) The wall structure for sliding freezer door was in place. Heavy jamb studs were installed at the jambs of the opening, and a box header was installed over the opening. Since the door track will be supporting the door when it is opened, every other stud was a heavier gauge. The door weighs 800 pounds. Once the steel bridging is installed in the wall and 2x8 wood blocking is install for the track to mount to, the load will be spread over the entire area supporting the door and its track.



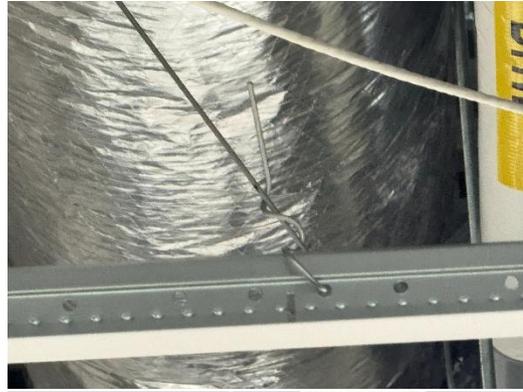
- u) The sliding door and another evaporator were stored outside the freezer box.



- v) During the ceiling inspection, we found that seismic clips were not consistently installed. These need to keep the grids from moving on two sides and movable on the opposite sides. They also need to be installed per the ceiling manufacturer's installation instructions.



- w) Hanger wires need to be installed with three turns in 3". Maximum spacing of the hanger wires is 4'-0" on center.
- x) Terminations of hanger wire need to be cut off or bent to be parallel with the vertical to reduce danger of a sharp edge cutting a maintenance worker.
- y) In some instances, the ceiling grids were bent such as the ones at the light fixture



- z) The walls around the Record's Room are the only ones that are fire-resistant rated. The manufacturers of the red fire rated sealant make labels for application on the walls to alert maintenance workers that the walls must remain continuous.



- aa) Observations from the above ceiling inspection include the following:

1. The seismic end clips are not uniformly applied. The manufacturer's guide requires them at the ends of the grids as indicated. The clips anchor the grid on two walls and allow for movement on the opposite walls.
2. The hanger wires are not at 4'-0" O.C. both ways.
3. The hanger wire spacings exceed the maximum distance from the walls.
4. The hanger wires are not terminated in 3 turns in 3".
5. Some hanger wires are installed at slopes greater than 1:6. When this occurs an opposing wire is required at the same angle.
6. Some of the grids at the wall barely touch the wall molds. The maximum is 3/8" from the end to the wall mold vertical leg.
7. Some of the grids are already bent.
8. Some of the ceiling tiles with devices in them are damaged or dirty.
9. Some unused hanger wires are above ceiling.
10. The loose ends of many of the hanger wire are not close to the vertical which causes

a hazard for maintenance workers reaching above the ceiling.

11. Joints in main beams need seismic reinforcement clips.

**3. Stored Material Observed:**

- a) Freezer equipment.
- b) Ceiling tiles.
- c) Plumbing trim.
- d) Electrical fixtures and trim.

**4. Follow up items:**

- a) Note any changes to the plans on the As-Built Drawings.

Follow up by:

Architect,  Owner,  MEP Engineer,  Structural Engineer,  
 Civil Engineer  Construction Manager,  Other

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