



'AHA KAULEO

STATEWIDE COUNCIL FOR KA PAPA HANA KAIAPUNI

February 20, 2020

Board of Education, General Business Meeting

IV. B. (2) Update on extra compensation for classroom teachers in special education, hard-to-staff geographical locations, and Hawaiian language immersion programs: Extra compensation funding sources;

VI. L. Board Action on 10-year Department of Education Strategic Plan, The Power and Promise of Public Education

Aloha e ka Papa Ho'ona'auao (BOE),

The 'Aha Kauleo, is a council of parents, teachers and administrators of Kaiapuni or Hawaiian language immersion schools across the state. We advocate for increased and improved support of Kaiapuni schools and work closely with our school communities, the State Department of Education through the Office of Hawaiian Education, the Board of Education and the University of Hawai'i through its Hawaiian language and studies programs.

We, the 'Aha Ho'okō ('Aha Kauleo Board), are in support of the Hawai'i Department of Education's and BOE's actions to provide an annual shortage differential of \$8,000 per each qualified and licensed Hawaiian language immersion classroom teacher. While we recognize that there are currently eighteen (18) Department operated Hawaiian language immersion programs, we also recognize and advocate for the inclusion of qualifying classroom teachers from the additional six (6) Hawaiian language immersion public charter schools. We urge the Board of Education to secure funding for the qualifying classroom teachers in the six (6) Hawaiian immersion public charter schools.

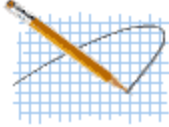
We are also concerned that within the final draft of the Hawai'i Department of Education's 10-year Strategic Plan, the Office of Hawaiian Education is not listed within the Office of the Superintendent. According to BOE Policy 105-7, "Hawaiian Education," it states that the Department shall "establish in the office of the Superintendent an Office of Hawaiian Education of which the head shall be part of the Superintendent's leadership team." Therefore, we request that the BOE ensure policy compliance by confirming (1) that the Office of Hawaiian Education is indeed situated within the Office of the Superintendent and (2) that the head of the Office of Hawaiian Education is part of the Superintendent's leadership team.

Me ka 'oia'io,

Kahele Dukelow

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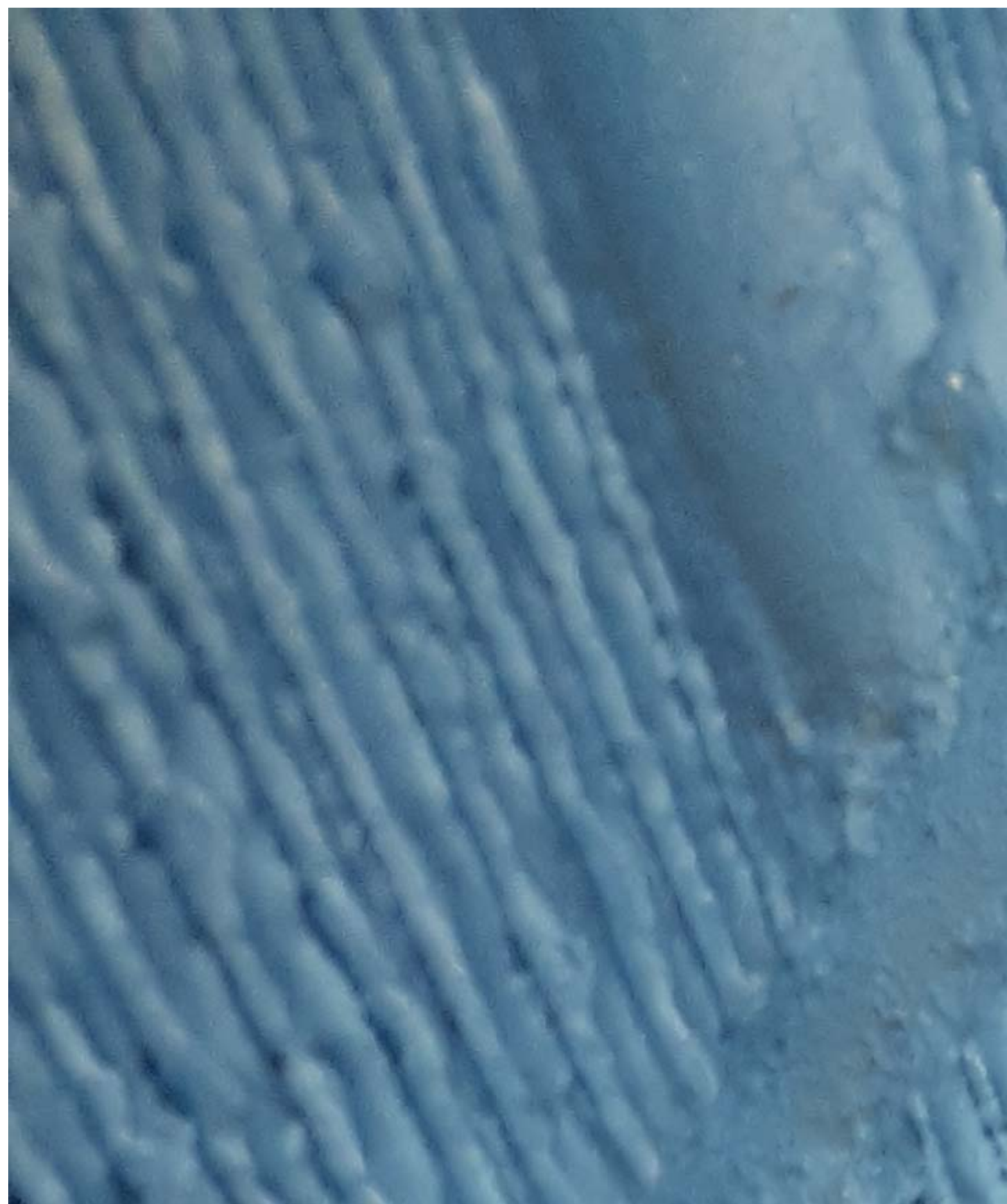
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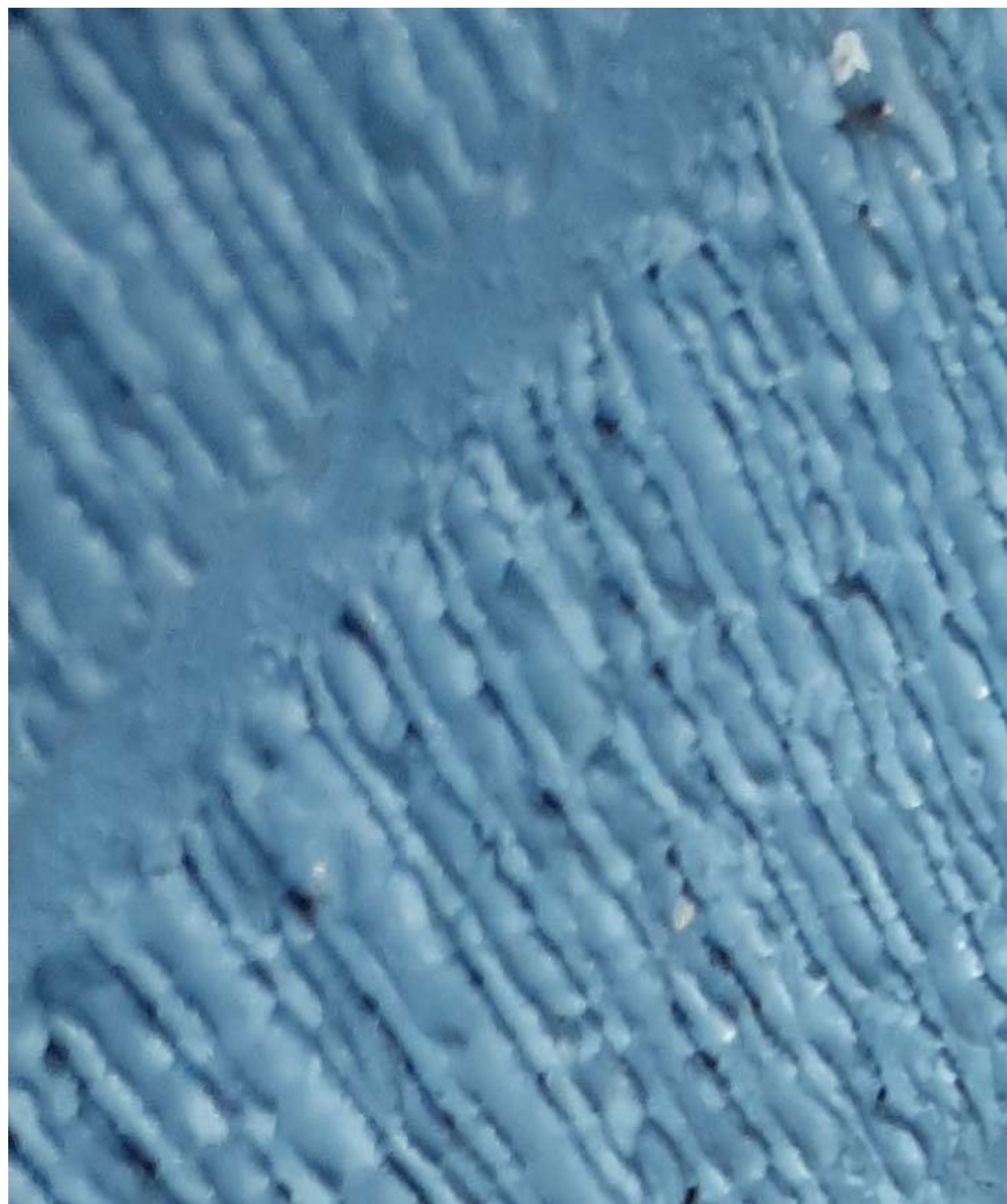
Aloha, Kenneth Uemura, Chairperson, Finance and Infrastructure Committee,

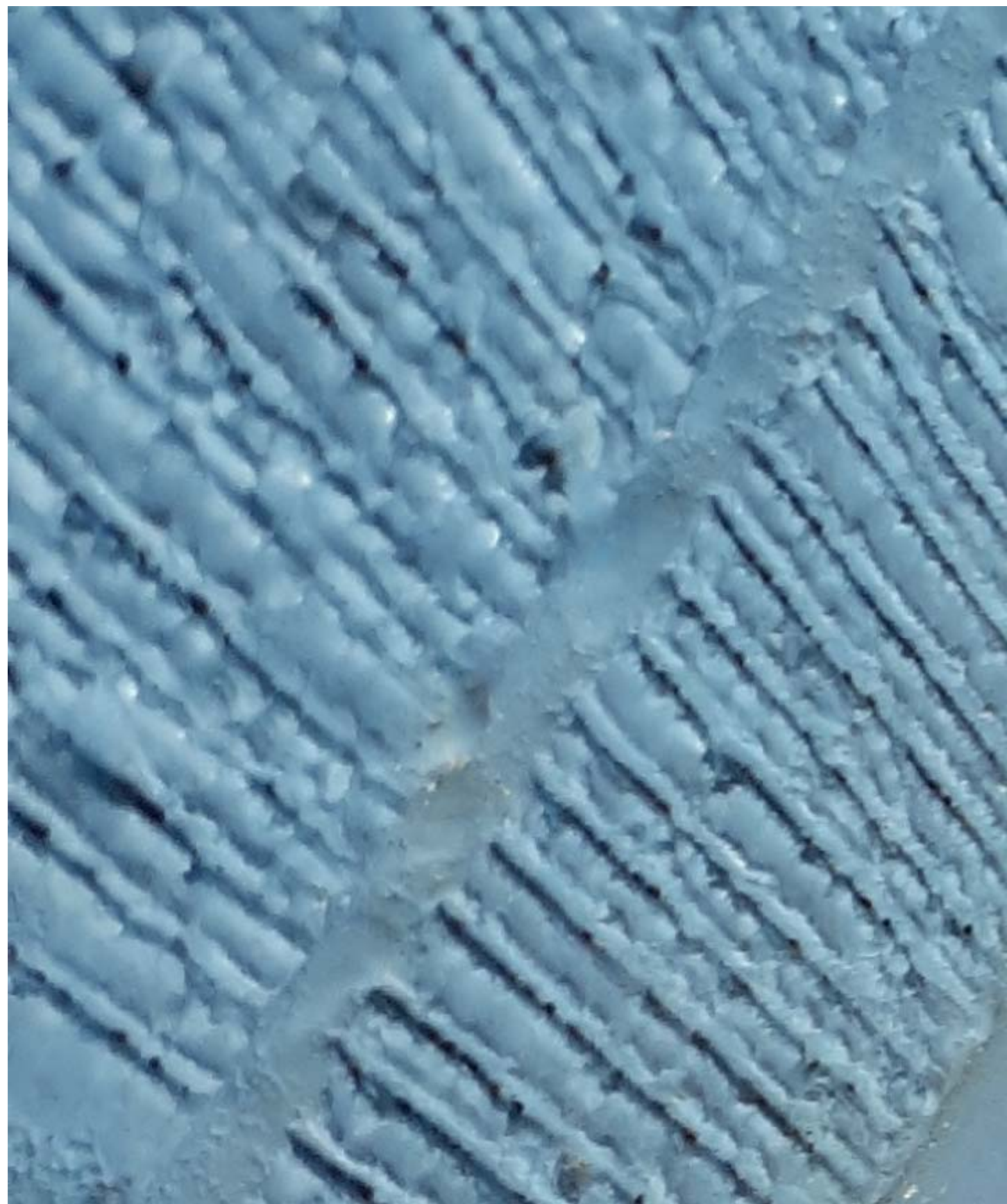
As a concerned parent, I ask how repairs and maintenance needs are prioritized for safety and security, and what is a reasonable time to execute, for facility repair needs, such as my child's classroom door that I took a photo (attached) of showing the termite droppings underneath. Is it for construction, the exterminator, or deemed not necessary to fix the issue of the existence of drywood termites?

Thank you for your attention to this safety concern.

Linda Elento











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