



The flood of June 2008 devastated the Cedar Rapids community. Ten square miles of the city were flooded and 1,800 District students were displaced by flood waters. Several District facilities were also directly impacted.



The first floor of the Educational Service Center (ESC) took on as much as eight feet of water. This building housed the Board of Education meeting room, administrative functions, and numerous support departments, including human resources, business services, community relations and volunteer services, printing and graphics, technology, TV media, and accounting. The Carpenter/Paint Shop, attached to the ESC, and the ESC Annex – home to the custodial and buildings and grounds departments – were also flooded.

Additionally, the District's Warehouse was damaged when flood waters filled the basement and rose to three feet on the first floor. This building housed the purchasing, food and nutrition, and warehouse departments. In addition, the District's school bus lot was flooded, though no buses were damaged.





Combined, these facilities housed some 200 District staff members. Following the flood, the displaced support offices were relocated to a campus of temporary modular buildings at Kingston Stadium and into leased space within the community.



Three feet of flood water damaged Taylor Elementary School. Students and staff were relocated for the 2008-09 school year while the school was repaired. Classes resumed at Taylor in time for the 2009-10 school year.

The downtown building housing the District's Transition Center was also flooded, though the District's program was located on a higher floor. The damaged building forced the program to relocate to the Kingston Stadium campus for the 2008-09 school year. It returned to a new downtown location in the summer of 2009.

