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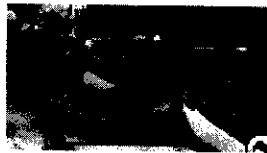
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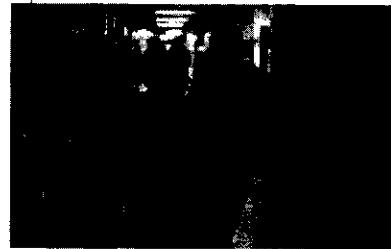
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The New York City Department of Education has reached a settlement with the family of a child who was injured after slipping on his school's wet floor three years ago.

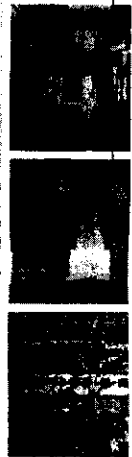
School officials offered \$25,000, and the family accepted, according to court documents filed this morning in the Bronx Supreme Court. The department is likely also set to reimburse the family's legal costs, which were around \$8,300.

The boy was a fifth-grader at Public School 21 in the Bronx at the time of the incident, in June 2010. He slipped after stepping onto a wet surface in the cafeteria, and the "sharp edge of a protruding pipe" sliced him in the left shin, leaving a "laceration approximately 5-7cm in length," according to the complaint.



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He was taken to the emergency room, where he received 26 stitches. He missed a week of school after that, but "has made a good recovery" since. The boy's mother, Florence Kukoyi, subsequently sued the school on his behalf.

Education school officials may have been on the hook for a bigger payment had there been any outstanding medical bills. But the child was under a health insurance plan that covered all expenses.

"It is in the best interest of [the boy]," Kukoyi's lawyer, Antonette Milcetic, wrote in today's filing, "to have the money placed into an interest bearing account as soon as possible so that interest can accrue."

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