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Restoration workers clean a hallway inside St. Mary School Sept. 28 in Wilmington, North Carolina, which sustained significant damage from Hurricane Florence. (CNS/Bob Roller)



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