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Dear Parents, Guardians, Faculty, and Staff,

I am writing to update you on the concern regarding the testing for mold at Clifton E. Lawrence School and Sussex Middle School. As you may recall from my prior notice, at the Clifton E. Lawrence School, the appearance of mold was reported on a small portion of a throw rug in one instructional space. In that instance, our Director of Facilities and person charged with overseeing our indoor air quality immediately removed the rug from the space and indicated that there were no additional evidence of mold. In the second instance, the appearance of mold and a "musty" odor was reported at Sussex Middle School in an instructional space that is slightly below grade. The District immediately closed these two instructional spaces and engaged an outside environmental expert.

At this time, Karl & Associates, our expert environmental consultant, has conducted testing. The testing at the Clifton E. Lawrence School was normal. At Sussex Middle School one area sampled came back with a raised level of mold compared to outside air. Karl & Associates has indicated this is the only area reported to have raised levels at this time and our campus should remain open. They recommended a thorough cleaning of the room and retesting.

While some may perceive this to be a small, but reasonable concern in an isolated classroom, I perceive that it is better to err on the side of caution and have a professional service address this specific learning space. As such, Karl & Associates will oversee the cleaning after school hours so it does not impact our students, faculty, or staff. While Karl & Associates has indicated that school should remain open, the Art Room will need to remain closed until such time as I am satisfied that the issue in the classroom has been 100% resolved. Mr. Schwarz has already made alternate arrangements for art instruction. I will continue to keep you informed as to the progress.

Sincerely,



Michael Gall
Superintendent
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