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Dear Parents, Guardians, Faculty, and Staff,

As you may be aware, there have been reports around the State of schools needing to resolve environmental issues and specific concerns about mold. Please know that we are taking proactive steps designed to identify and report issues of this nature and ensure that all students, employees, and visitors enjoy a safe and secure learning environment. In a continued commitment to communication and transparency, I am writing to inform you of a concern that was reported to me yesterday after school regarding the possibility of mold at Clifton E. Lawrence School and one this afternoon at Sussex Middle School and how we are addressing them.

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 has closed these two instructional spaces and engaged an outside environmental expert, Karl & Associates, who is conducting testing today to evaluate the indoor air quality.

I appreciate your cooperation and will immediately update you once we have the environmental consultant's test results and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Michael Gall  
Superintendent  
Sussex-Wantage Regional School District