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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 18, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members:

I would like to provide you with an update on the environmental conditions we are experiencing in our District. Also, we have placed a link on the District's website (www.millbrookcsd.org) "MCSD Environmental Information & Updates," where we will post all information regarding the test results, reports, and other correspondences & information.

Alden Place Elementary School

We have received the following reports for Alden Place: Alden Place Pre-Remediation Testing Results, Alden Place Post-Remediation Testing Results, and Alden Place Expanded Fungal Report. All three (3) of these reports are posted on the website, and as you know, we have received clearance to re-occupy this building.

Elm Drive Elementary School

We had our first day of classes for our Elm Drive students in the Middle School, and it was an exciting day! We thank the Middle School students and staff for their warm welcome of Elm Drive!

We have received the following report for Elm Drive: Elm Drive Pre-Remediation Testing Results, which is posted on the website. As of today, Elm Drive students and staff have been relocated to classrooms in the Millbrook Middle School. Elm Drive students and staff will remain in their Millbrook Middle School classrooms remediation and reconstruction process is completed and we have received clearance to allow students and staff to return safely to Elm Drive.

Millbrook Middle School

We have contacted the industrial hygienist to perform testing for the Millbrook Middle School. As this issue is becoming pandemic in our region, he is busy with many schools, and his earliest availability currently is the end of next week. We will get him here as soon as possible.

While we have no evidence of mold, in an abundance of caution, we are placing de-humidifiers in the Millbrook Middle School to reduce humid conditions that are both uncomfortable and are known to foster mold growth. They will be delivered at 4:00 pm today.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the environmental conditions in our schools. Thank you for your support and understanding. The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance to all of us.

Sincerely,

Philip D. D'Angelo, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 10, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians & Community Members:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updated information regarding the remediation progress and status of Alden Place Elementary School.

We contracted with ServPro to provide cleaning and sanitation services for Alden Place Elementary School, based on environmental concerns related to mold growth within the school, due to prolonged elevated temperatures and elevated humidity. We also contracted with Adaptive Environmental Consultants (AEC) to provide independent services to ensure that correct protocol was followed, according to the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) guidelines for mold remediation.

Today, AEC collected a series of samples and conducted a thorough inspection of the affected areas. The visual inspection related to mold growth found that all surfaces are free from a readily visible and/or detectable mold growth called "condition three mold growth." Samples collected also verified that the surfaces tested indicated what's called "a condition one normal fungal ecology." This afternoon we received confirmation from a third party mold testing laboratory located in Manhattan that all test samples collected and submitted for evaluation today produced satisfactory clearance results.

Therefore, we are pleased to inform you that AEC has confirmed that the mold remediation has been successful and students and staff can return to Alden Place Elementary School tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

By mid-week, we should receive a copy of the clearance report. Once it has been received, it will be posted on the District's website.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we dealt with this unforeseen environmental matter. We also are very appreciative to our faculty and staff who came together as a team to ensure that we continue our students' education with as little disruption as possible.

The safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance!

Sincerely,

Philip D. D'Angelo, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

September 7, 2018

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members:

As you know, as we opened Alden Place Elementary School yesterday on September 6, 2018, we discovered that due to the very wet summer, the building suffered some limited environmental impact. The intent of this letter is to update you about the issue and to let you know of our plans to move forward.

New York State requires that a professional assessment and remediation be conducted by different firms. We have engaged Adaptive Environmental Consulting (AEC), a national industrial hygiene firm with offices in New York to conduct the required assessment. The assessment will include air and surface sampling. Those samples collected today will be rushed to a certified laboratory vendor in Manhattan for analysis. While we wait for the background samples to be analyzed and returned, AEC will immediately direct remediation of the affected rooms and common areas, as well as any district and/or personal property that displays abnormal environmental contamination.

There is a standard of care that is followed in this sort of work, the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) S520. That document will be the basis for any and all remediation activities conducted by our chosen licensed and insured contractor (ServPro). The contractor we have chosen also has the New York State mold remediation license which is required.

As soon as the work that is directed by AEC has been completed by our contractor, AEC will return to collect a second set of environmental samples to verify that the areas and property that have been remediated to the established standard of care.

Both the AEC firm and the ServPro have extensive experience dealing with school buildings with mold and water damage. I sure you that proper steps have been taken to assess and evaluate any environmental concerns and abnormal conditions. The work will be conducted quickly, efficiently, and completely, to be verified by our third-party industrial hygiene firm.

At this point, we know that students and staff will return to Alden Place on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at the earliest. Therefore, on Monday, September 10, 2018, 5th grade students will receive instruction at the Millbrook Middle School, and 3rd and 4th grade students will receive instruction at Elm Drive. Students will be bused at their regular times to the Middle School or Elm Drive, accordingly.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students will have the opportunity to purchase both breakfast and/or lunch in the cafeteria of the school to which they are temporarily assigned.

Students and staff will not return to Alden Place until we receive information from the industrial hygienist that it is acceptable to do so. If students and staff cannot return to Alden Place on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, you will be notified via the School Messenger Phone System; and we will follow a similar plan as outlined for Monday, September 10, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We appreciate your understanding and please know that student and staff safety is of utmost importance to all of us.

Sincerely,

Philip D. D'Angelo
Superintendent of Schools