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Dr. Stephen D. Bournés, Superintendent

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Dear Mr. Mettler,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated December 10, 2025 requesting the School City of East Chicago's response to air quality complaints and the steps we would be taking to address them.

1. Timeline for having HVAC fully operational
2. Detail steps that are being taken in the interim to ensure class temperatures are between 68 and 78 degrees whenever students are present
3. Link showing where the school's Indoor Air Coordinator information is located on the corporation's website.

1. **Timeline for having HVAC fully operational**

- The first phase of our three phase HVAC project is scheduled to begin June 2026. Five of the fifteen chillers will be replaced. Phase two is summer of 2027 where another five chillers will be replaced. Phase three will conclude summer of 2028 when the five remaining chillers are replaced.

2. **Detail steps that are being taken in the interim to ensure class temperatures are between 68 and 78 degrees whenever students are present**

- We have published a RFP for a CMC for the HVAC summer projects.
- Pangere won the bid and will be the CMC. They have started the preliminary work for Phase I including requesting bids from sub-contractors.
- We have contracted with Precision to address immediate comfort and cooling issues.
- We will be working with an engineering consultant to draft a HVAC Winter Plan to address interim HVAC issues (winter and leading up to summer projects).
- An emergency compressor has been installed as well.

3. **Link showing where the school's Indoor Air Coordinator information is located on the corporation's website.**

- https://www.scec.k12.in.us/air-quality-reports

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen D. Bournes,
Superintendent