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TO: Parents of Copper Hill Elementary School Students  
FROM: Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools  
DATE: August 20, 2018  
RE: **Continued Communication: Indoor Air Quality at Copper Hill Elementary School**

Today members of my administration team, Director of Facilities, the Business Administrator, and I met with analysts from R. K. Occupational & Environmental Analysis Company out of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Wei Tang, Ph. D. completed analysis of Copper Hill samples at Q Laboratory. After reviewing the results of air and surface tests for fungal contamination we have been advised to remediate our building using a professional cleaning service. The professional cleaning service will assist us to deep clean the building, and most importantly, take measures to keep it dry and lower the humidity levels. Keeping our buildings dry minimizes the ability of these unwanted biological organisms to reproduce and produce bioeffluents, or particles that may impact occupant health.

The conversations I had today with experts confirm my decision to temporarily close Copper Hill Elementary School to allow an outside professional company to remediate our building and bring the humidity levels and air quality to an appropriate range. I expect the closing of Copper Hill Elementary to be temporary to allow the necessary remediation and cleanup process to take place. The professional cleaning will begin on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and is expected to take seven days. We are anticipating that the professional cleaning service will work through the weekend in order to help us open the doors to students and staff on time. Following the professional cleaning a second round of testing will commence which is expected to take 24-36 hours.

**Important to Note:**

- Kindergarten Orientation, scheduled for Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, will be rescheduled and possibly relocated to a date and place yet to be determined. There will be no kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>;
- The Newcomer's Dinner, scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, will also be rescheduled. There will be no Newcomer's Dinner on the evening of Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>; and
- Office staff from Copper Hill Elementary, including Special Services, will not be in the building to answer the phones or the doors beginning on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, until further notice.
- Pre-school Orientation, scheduled for Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to a date and location yet to be determined;
- Medication drop-off, student registration paperwork, and other paperwork necessary for student enrollment may be dropped off at J.P. Case Middle School at 301 Case Boulevard.

Our district follows the guidelines by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prevent as many indoor air quality problems (IAQ) as possible and respond to any IAQ issues that may arise. For more information visit the EPA link [here](#). The health, comfort, and learning environment of students and staff are important aspects of Flemington-Raritan Regional School District's mission.

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The district is in constant contact and collaboration with experts in the area of quality indoor air. We are taking the necessary steps to remediate the situation and to have the doors open to students on September 6<sup>th</sup> and to staff as soon as possible. After we have the results of the second surface and air sample testing I will communicate the results of the testing and the date that doors of Copper Hill Elementary School will reopen to staff and students.

Sincerely,

Kari McGann  
Superintendent of Schools