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TO: Parents of Copper Hill Elementary School Students
FROM: Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: September 4, 2018
RE: **Indoor Air Quality at Copper Hill Elementary School Meets Recommended Guidelines**

I am pleased to report that indoor air qualities at Copper Hill Elementary School have been remediated. Our staff was cleared to re-enter the building over the weekend and staff entered the doors of Copper Hill today, September 4, to prepare the building for students on September 11.

Wei Tang, Ph. D, the microbiologist who has been completing surface and air lab analysis for Copper Hill, reported test samples to us over the weekend. After air sampling and surface testing was reviewed by the professional outside consultant, R & K Environmental, we were advised that Copper Hill was cleared for students and staff. Our professional cleaning service that assisted us to deep clean the building was successful! We have set procedures in place to keep the building dry and keep the humidity levels at appropriate ranges. Keeping our buildings dry minimizes the ability of these unwanted biological organisms to reproduce and produce bioeffluents, or particles that may impact occupant health.

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.

The district continues to be in contact and collaboration with experts in the area of quality indoor air. I expect Copper Hill Elementary doors to be open to students on September 11th. Copper Hill staff is in the building; phones are being answered and items may be dropped off regarding student medication or paperwork. Respectfully, I ask that parents and students give the staff at Copper Hill the time they need to prepare the building for students on September 11th. This means that parents should refrain from visiting the building unless absolutely necessary. While Copper Hill Elementary remains a building that is welcoming to families and our community, the staff need time to prepare classrooms and the building for students' arrival. I have posted the newest surface and air sample testing results on line for your review.

Thank-you for your patience as the district ensured the indoor air quality health, comfort, and learning environment of students and staff.

Sincerely,

Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools