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David C. Mango
Superintendent

Dear Kinnelon Colts Community and Staff Members,

First of all, we hope that you enjoyed a fun and restful summer. We are very excited that school will begin shortly, and we are looking forward to another successful year with our students and staff.

That being said, on July 26, 2023, we received a report of a possible musty smell at Stonybrook School. In an abundance of caution, the district immediately requested that an outside environmental company, RK Environmental, conduct both surface and air quality samples at the school. Those air quality tests took place on July 27, 2023.

On August 10, 2023, the district received preliminary air quality test results, including results for the following classrooms: 105, 201, 202, 202A, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 209, 210, 211, and 212. The preliminary results indicated elevated levels of mildew and/or non-toxic mold in some of the classrooms. At RK Environmental's recommendation, the district brought in additional custodial staff to thoroughly clean the classrooms tested. RK Environmental will continue to guide and make recommendations for remediation purposes. A more comprehensive plan is expected sometime in the near future and might include the purchasing of air scrubbers, dehumidifiers, and/or adjusting the settings of the classroom unit ventilators (HVAC units). Please know, all testing results can be found on the district website and we anticipate that this matter should be resolved within the next few weeks, prior to the official start of the school year.

Moreover, being proactive rather than reactive, the district requested RK Environmental come back out to Stonybrook School yesterday to collect additional samples from the 100 and 300 wing of the school. During that time, the RK Environmental representative detected some spores under a few desks in classroom 321. Pictures were taken within classroom 321 and the classroom will remain closed until RK Environmental determines the next remediation steps. Once the work is complete, we will continue to regularly monitor all areas to ensure the safest environment for learning is maintained. The safety of our students, staff, and visitors remains a top priority.

In the future, to avoid annual moisture build-up within the school, classroom temperatures must remain consistent, removal of carpeting must occur and some shade tree removal is being considered. No different than our homes, these are small steps that the district can take to assist in remediating future concerns and avoid continued moisture build-up. Lastly, testing results of the 100 and 300 wing will be posted onto the district website once received.

As always, we thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DM", written over a thin horizontal line.

David C. Mango
Superintendent of Schools