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Dear Hardyston School Community,

As shared in my previous communication, air quality and mold testing was conducted at the Elementary School. Results concluded that airborne mold spores were present in two office spaces at the school. In response to these findings, the district immediately scheduled an extensive remediation process of the entire school to ensure all spaces were safe for students and staff. During the remediation process, mold was found in various locations throughout the building.

The health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority. Therefore, the following steps are being taken to ensure the continuity of our educational programming in a safe environment.

Both the elementary and middle school will be closed on Tuesday, September 8th. This will provide time to properly plan next steps. Based on the extent of the work that may be required, we anticipate that students and staff may need to remain out of the elementary school building for several weeks.

We understand that this information may cause concern for families. Our administrative team is working diligently to develop a thoughtful plan that causes the least disruption to our families and educational programs.

To help address questions regarding potential mold exposure, our school physician provided the following information about possible signs and symptoms and when individuals may wish to contact their healthcare provider:

Most environmental mold exposures result in mild symptoms similar to those associated with seasonal allergies or a mild upper respiratory infection. However, individuals with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, severe seasonal allergies, or immune deficiencies, may experience more significant symptoms.

The most common symptoms include:

- Nasal congestion
- Sneezing
- Throat irritation
- Coughing
- Skin rash

- Headache
- Fatigue

Students or staff members who are experiencing these symptoms or have additional health concerns should contact their healthcare provider.

We will provide additional information regarding alternate educational arrangements, updates and an anticipated timeline as soon as possible.

We recognize the disruption and inconvenience this may cause our families. We sincerely appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued partnership as we work to ensure a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Jarlyn Veras

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