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Cornelius Elementary Families,

We are aware of a readiness issue in our building, with the Cornelius Elementary PTO bringing to our attention a report provided by a third-party inspection company that indicated unhealthy levels of mold in some of our classrooms.

We have met with PTO leadership today and provided an update on our response to this issue, which we share with you in this letter.

First, we are working to determine the steps that led to the current situation so we can enact the appropriate procedures to prevent future maintenance issues from lingering as it appears this did. A group of senior leaders from the district, including our superintendent and deputy superintendent of operations are organizing a response and will share shortcomings and mitigation steps in the coming weeks.

Most importantly, our operations and maintenance staff are working already to mitigate issues related to excess moisture, primarily mold, in several areas of the school. Commercial dehumidifiers have been installed. Air purifiers were installed in the three impacted rooms today. All the HVAC filters have been upgraded from MERV-8 to MERV-10 in the school. We have hired a third-party company to complete a comprehensive review Tuesday, Oct. 13, and will share those results when available. Other efforts include inspection of HVAC units in 26 classrooms susceptible to moisture/mold and completing necessary cleaning/air optimization (if required), antimicrobial treatment and encapsulation/sealing of fiberglass insulation lining. Air purifiers will be installed in these 26 classrooms.

In addition, significant investment in technology designed to prevent mold growth and protect against pathogens has been evaluated, and a recommendation to move forward is forthcoming.

Next week PTO leaders will meet with our maintenance and operations staff. School-based staff will also meet with the maintenance and operations team. During both meetings, we will provide detailed explanations of what we've done and what we plan to do to prevent future issues.

The health and safety of all our students, families, and staff is our top priority. We take that very seriously and are committed to providing a safe learning environment.

Acquanetta Edmond, Learning Community Superintendent
Jessica Holbrook, Principal