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TO: Barley Sheaf Elementary School Community
FROM: Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: August 28, 2018
RE: **Indoor Air Quality at Barley Sheaf Strategic Sample Test Results**

The health, comfort, and learning environment of students and staff are important aspects of Flemington-Raritan Regional School District's mission. Flemington-Raritan Regional School District is strongly committed to the health and comfort of our students and staff, as well the environmental quality in the school. It is important for all that our schools provide a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission—educating students. 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](#).

In district wide communication dated August 22nd it was explained that a proactive plan was put into place to ensure indoor air quality in all buildings. The strategic air sampling and surface testing were contracted to a professional outside consultant, R & K Environmental with Barley Sheaf results returned to me today. In a strategic sample of testing the kinds and concentrations of fungi in the building should be similar to those found outside. The surface testing from Barley Sheaf all returned with "normal background." This is great news!

We do however have areas at Barley Sheaf that need to be proactively addressed due to air quality results. We have an area of our building that had levels which were slightly elevated. The test results show a slight inconsistency of outside fungi that was not proportional when compared to fungi inside the building. These were only slight inconsistencies. To address the issue proactively these areas have been closed for the next 24-48 hours to remediate using HEPA air scrubbers. A HEPA air scrubber removes particles from the air by drawing air in from the surrounding environment and pass the air through a series of filters to remove unwanted particles. The doors to the classrooms have been closed and present no concern to the remainder of the building or to the passageways outside the classroom. We expect the areas at Barley Sheaf to be addressed quickly and expediently using air scrubbers and areas to be re-opened within 24-48 hours. We are not expecting to close any other areas at Barley Sheaf because all other test results were returned without issues.

I am so pleased to share this news with our Barley Sheaf community. I will communicate any further action that is necessary to keep you all informed of our progress. I have posted the lab results online for your review.

Sincerely,

Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools