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TO: Parents of Reading-Fleming Intermediate School Students
FROM: Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: August 17, 2018
RE: **Indoor Air Quality in the Basement at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School**

In the spirit of clear communication with community members I am writing to share with parents at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School that the air quality is less than ideal in the basement at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School (RFIS). Buildings and grounds staff, as well as maintenance staff are working diligently to provide and maintain adequate airflow by adjusting and maintaining ventilation equipment in the basement, which will promote a comfortable and healthy learning and working environment.

Moisture problems in school buildings can be caused by a variety of conditions, including roof and plumbing leaks, condensation and excess humidity. We believe that the increase in moisture levels in the basement at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School are the result of hot, humid weather over the past week and a ventilation system that needs to be adjusted to fit the climate of the workspaces in the basement at RFIS.

Efforts of the district to provide a healthy indoor air quality are important so that we promote a comfortable and healthy learning and working environment. Our maintenance staff has been informed about the increased levels of moisture at Reading-Fleming Intermediate School and are making the necessary adjustments in a prompt manner. Our buildings and grounds and maintenance staff are working diligently to provide and maintain adequate airflow by adjusting and maintaining ventilation equipment in the areas of the basement that are air-conditioned. Additionally, we have hired an outside consulting agency to ensure a healthy indoor environment for our students and staff and provide testing results to us regarding air quality and surfaces.

The health, comfort, and learning environment of students and staff are important aspects of Flemington-Raritan Regional School District's mission. School-aged children spend a large part of their day inside our school buildings, therefore Flemington-Raritan Regional School District is strongly committed to the health and comfort of our students and staff, as well the environmental quality in our schools. 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.

We are being diligent to ensure that humidity levels and the indoor air quality for students and staff are at appropriate levels. I will communicate results of the indoor and surface area testing in the basement and the strategic sample testing in other areas at RFIS and any further action that may be recommended or required.

Sincerely,

Kari McGann
Superintendent of Schools