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TO: J.P. Case Middle School Community
FROM: Kari McGann, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: September 26, 2018
RE: **Indoor Air Quality at J.P. Case Middle School**

In a letter to the J.P. Case community on September 4 and also in the [September Parent Newsletter](#) I reported that indoor air qualities at J. P. Case Middle School were remediated and all areas of the building were cleared. Our facilities team monitors closely our buildings and classrooms for any evidence of new growth. I count on our staff to be diligent to report areas of concern so we can quickly address them.

This afternoon a faculty member at J.P. Case notified administration right away that he had suspicions of mold growing in the band room on instrument cases. Members of our administration, facilities, and I toured the B-wing of the building.

To address the issue expediently and efficiently the building administration closed off the B-wing (music and band classroom area) and the HVAC system for this section only was turned off to ensure that air was not circulating to other areas in the building.

Maintenance and custodial crew began cleaning the area with special Masslinn cloths purchased specifically for cleaning unusual fungi. Masslinn dust cloths are mineral-oil treated dust cloths treated with antimicrobial protection. The cloths feature dust-catching fibers with antimicrobial protection that inhibits bacteria growth. They were recommended for us to purchase by our professional cleaning service, ServePro. Any evidence of mold is scrubbed off surfaces and removed. Maintenance and custodial crew cleaned then removed instrument cases to an alternate location in the building.

We placed five industrial-sized HEPA air scrubbers at J.P. Case in the B wing hallway. Doors to our music and band classrooms in the B-wing are closed. I remain in consultation with our certified industrial hygienist and our professional cleaning company director for discussions, expert advice, and any further steps that might be necessary. Tomorrow our professional cleaning company, ServePro, will arrive on site to provide further guidance and investigate the area. Additional testing may be warranted and any subsequent reports will be posted online.

The district remains vigilant in addressing any areas of suspicion and addressing students, staff, and parents' concerns. As the weather continues to be hot and humid with humidity levels hovering around 100% our facilities team and staff remain on alert for any areas that seem suspicious. Areas of concern are addressed quickly and remediated fully. Our efforts continue to ensure that we offer the most comfortable learning environments for our students and staff.

Kari McGann,
Superintendent of Schools