

August 23, 2016

Dear SJLES Families,

We are excited for the arrival of our students in less than a week. It's been great having teachers and all school staff back in the building on Monday. As a staff, we have been busy preparing for our students arrival and are looking forward to a successful school opening.

Last week, we shared that Howard County Government hired an independent contractor to conduct an assessment of St. John's Lane Elementary air quality in June. In early August, the report was shared on the county government's website. Supplemental to that report, the independent contractor has shared in writing with the school system that "the types and concentrations of airborne mold found in and outside of the schools are typical for public schools in similar geographic regions of the United States for the time of the year the assessment occurred. As promised, progress regarding our school building will continue to be shared as updates are provided. As a result, the recommendations made for St. John's Lane Elementary and the status updates are as follows:

<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
Additional collection of moisture readings in portable 171 and classroom 91.	In progress
If these readings identify elevated moisture levels then walls and/or ceilings should be opened up to visually inspect and determine if hidden mold growth exists.	To be determined
Visual inspection of portable 171 and classroom 91 to determine if mold growth is present in normally inaccessible areas.	In progress
Replace stained or water-damaged ceiling tiles.	Completed

As a reminder, our building services staff has these recommendations and will be implementing all of them. Status updates will be provided on a regular basis for recommendations that remain "in-progress." If you would like to read the entire list of recommendations and supplemental information provided by the contractor, they can be found on our school's website under About – Indoor Environmental Quality.

Again, I want to assure you that our building and our portables are safe for students and staff. We are looking forward to seeing our students on August 26 for our Open House and on August 29 for the first day of school. I will continue to communicate with you and provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Vicky Sarro  
Principal