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Dear Pequea Parents,

Accurate Environmental Services Inc. of Lancaster recently conducted air quality testing in several different locations at Pequea Elementary School. The testing was prompted because spots were discovered on a wall in the music room and the nature of the spots was unclear.

The district, working in cooperation with Accurate Environmental Services Inc. of Lancaster, performed air samples using a baseline background reference and tape lift testing in the music room. Summary statements from the report are provided below:

Room 14 (music room) – “The classroom was inspected for any visible mold growth and was tested for elevated moisture. All moisture readings were normal or below normal. Visual mold growth was observed inside the classroom on the upper portion of the wall by the entrance.”

Adjoining Classroom 16 (Mrs. Drexel’s first grade) and Classroom 11 (Ms. Kline’s second grade) were air tested using a baseline background reference.

Classrooms 11 and 16 – “The classrooms were inspected for any visible mold growth and were tested for elevated moisture. All moisture readings were normal or below normal and no visible mold was observed.”

Air Testing – “An outside sample was taken to establish a baseline background reference. Interior samples were taken from Classrooms 11, 14 and 16. As indicated from the lab report, no elevated mold spore counts were detected above the outside baseline level.”

While we are very pleased with the air quality tests, as a result of the tape lift test in the music room we will need to plan for further interventions to prevent mold. The existing mold in the music room has already been removed, but we intend to utilize recommendations from Accurate Environmental Services Inc. to take additional actions.

The report from Accurate Environmental Services, Inc. makes no recommendations about discontinuing or relocating any instruction. It is our intention to continue to use all of the classrooms as instructional spaces.

I will continue to communicate with you concerning this matter. You will receive regular correspondence from me and as we receive additional recommendations, we will alert the Pequea community. We have also communicated information to the local media and have provided them with a copy of this letter. A copy of the full report from Accurate Environmental Services, Inc. is available for inspection in the Pequea Elementary office.

We appreciate your understanding and patience throughout the testing process and the implementation of the recommendations from Accurate Environmental Services, Inc. We are also grateful to you for your ongoing support of Pequea students and staff. We will continue to make sure that your child has a safe and healthy experience at Pequea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald F. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "D".

Donald F. Stewart
Superintendent