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School Community of Commercial Township:

We at the Commercial Township School District are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff. Recent mold issues in neighboring districts have prompted us to proactively review our procedures and policies with regard to indoor air quality. I am confident that we are compliant with all laws and regulations and that, in fact, our maintenance staff often goes above and beyond what is required. Our facilities are clean, healthy, and safe for all occupants.

Last week our air quality was tested throughout the district by Epic Environmental, LLC in order to determine our air quality status as it relates to the rainy and wet summer season and potentially the same type of fall. The preliminary results for the Haleyville-Mauricetown School showed potential mold in room 119, and showed a normal or better reading in all other areas of the building. The preliminary results of air testing at the Port Norris School showed elevated levels of mold in the 1917 building's basement only, the former Inspira Health Building, and minor mold (surface mold) in rooms 39 and 40, across from the Gymnasium. Fortunately, there are no students or staff assigned to these specific locations; therefore, all operational areas of the Port Norris School have been reported as being mold free.

In response to the potential areas affected by mold within our school district, at HMS we responded today within minutes of receiving a preliminary verbal confirmation of potential mold from the testing company; we made arrangements for the students and the instructor to finish the day in our Media Center (alternative placement); the students and staff of room 119 should be the only class in the Media Center until all air quality concerns are mitigated under the direction and recommendations of Epic Environmental and the County Board of Health Office. In regards to the affected areas found at PNS, there are currently no teachers, staff, or students assigned to any identified parts of the campus that have been preliminarily identified as areas with potential mold concerns; however, again, we will implement all recommendations of Epic Environmental LLC and the County Board of Health office until all concerns are eliminated.

It is my hope to have these issues, as stated above, resolved in the next few days; however, rest assured that we will not compromise safety and health for convenience. Upon receipt of all formal reports pertaining to our most recent air quality test, we will post such findings on our district website as soon as they are received. Upon mitigation of all affected areas, we will again test our air quality to ensure that each concern has been properly addressed. No student or staff will be permitted in any affected area prior to receiving confirmation of all recommended mitigation and confirmation of an adequate indoor air quality test.

I thank you for your continued support of the District and, as always, I am available at 856-785-0840 ext. 1137 for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools