



**Centennial Lane Elementary School**

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Dear CLES Families,

As we approach the first day of school for students and staff, we have been working hard to get our building ready for everyone. We are excited to see you all!

I want to share an update with you about our school building. As part of a Memorandum of Understanding with the school system, Howard County Government hired an independent contractor to conduct an assessment of Centennial Lane Elementary School's 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. These types and concentrations of airborne mold spores do not normally pose a health risk." In addition, "Overall, the observations made during the assessments indicate that the HCPSS and maintenance staff at each school is doing a good job of controlling indoor moisture and mold growth, resulting in the protection of health of students and staff."

The contractor has also provided a list of recommendations for our school. Those recommendations are:

- Additional collection of moisture level measurements and visual inspections in portable 149.
- If elevated moisture levels are identified then walls and/or ceilings should be opened up to visually inspect and determine if hidden mold growth exists.
- The source of the airborne fungal spores should be identified and mitigated, along with the corresponding source(s) of moisture.
- A reassessment for the presence of CO should occur in and around the cluster of portable classrooms.

Our building services staff has these recommendations and will be implementing all of them. I will send an additional communication after the work has been completed. 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.

Our building and our portables are safe for students and staff. We are looking forward to seeing our students on August 26<sup>th</sup> for our open house. I will continue to communicate with you and provide updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

Amanda Wadsworth, Principal