



Berkeley Unified School District

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Javetta Cleveland
Deputy Superintendent

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Dear Emerson parents and community,

This letter is a follow up on the District's progress with addressing current and past leaks at Emerson Elementary. Since my letter dated June 12, 2013, staff has made the following progress to address the leaks and any problems that resulted from prior leaks:

1. A survey of the roof was conducted and no leak problems were found.
2. A plumbing survey was conducted and no problems with the supply lines were uncovered. The company recommended that the drain lines that serve the boys and girls restrooms in the A Building should be replaced. The replacement began on August 12th and is expected to be completed on August 19th.
3. The district contracted with Forensics Analytical to complete a survey to determine whether any old leaks could have potentially caused mold growth. That report was completed.
4. As a result of the report, ATI was contracted by the district to remove any mold and perform additional repair work. ATI is in the process of investigating and removing all areas where potential or suspected mold growth were mentioned in the Forensic Analytical report. Any areas where mold is present will be tested and cleared before the building material is replaced. We expect that all mold will be removed before the start of school.
5. A safety management committee was formed and held its first meeting on June 27, 2013. The committee will continue to meet and develop protocol for handling leaks within the District.
6. The District is also taking additional precautions to make sure that there are no recurring problems at Emerson.

In addition to these assessments and building improvements, staff has determined that no hoses shall be connected to the supply lines in order to avoid the type of problems that occurred in the upstairs custodial closet and the kitchen custodial closet.

We anticipate that all of the mold will be removed prior to the start of school. There may be some restoration work still taking place. We hope that these efforts will prevent future leaks and will ensure the safety of students and staff. The reports have been placed on the District's website at

<http://www.berkeleyschools.net/schools/elementary-schools/emerson/indoor-air-quality/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Javetta Cleveland".

Javetta Cleveland, Deputy Superintendent
CC: Lew Jones, Director of Facilities