



September 16, 2009

Dear Hearst Families,

I am writing to thank everyone again for your support, flexibility, and understanding during the last several weeks and to give you an update on where we are with the mold issue here at Hearst.

As you know, some visible mold was discovered in the C Wing shortly before school began. Air quality testing and cleaning happened in all rooms, and classes were moved to rooms that were cleared for occupancy. At this time, nine regular classrooms remain closed, and we have been able to accommodate students in our available classrooms, specialist rooms, and the library.

The District and our consultants have determined that the exterior speakers installed when the school was built were not properly caulked and allowed water to encroach into the area between the interior and exterior walls. There may have been leaks in the roof as well. While mold is present there, it is “encapsulated” in the wall cavity, and continued testing of air quality has shown that there are no elevated levels in classrooms. A copy of the report from our consultant, Millennium Consulting Associates, is available on the District website at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/publicinformation/downloads/hearstreport.pdf (hard copies are also available in the Hearst office).

The District is currently awaiting the remediation plan from Millennium (due within the next week), so at this point, we do not have a timeline for when repair and remediation work might be completed, but I expect that it will take several months. In the meantime, we will continue to test the air in occupied rooms and have been granted extra custodial support for cleaning as needed.

I would like to invite you to a parent/guardian meeting on Monday, September 21, 6 p.m., in our multipurpose room. District staff and Mr. Mike Noel from *Millennium* will be on hand to provide any new information and give those in attendance an opportunity to ask questions. For those unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to email questions to hearstinfo@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Thank you for working together with me and our amazing staff through this challenging situation.

Sincerely,

Michael Kuhfal
Principal

*Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success.*