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Dear MS Parents,

Recently, we received a report from Safe Environmental Solutions out of South Portland . They performed a battery of indoor air quality testing in rooms 208 and 210 as well as the outdoors. These tests included a visual walkthrough of the rooms as well as air sampling for environmental conditions like carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, temperature and relative humidity. Safe Environmental Solutions also tested for total VOC's (volatile organic compounds) and took a sample from under a window to test for mold spores. The Industrial Hygienist used words and phrases like "typical", "no red flags" and "sample results did not identify elevations/amplifications" when speaking of the contaminants in the air stream. This is good news. However, during the visual, he did find some *Stachybotrys*-sp (mold) in a wall cavity in room 210. Although it was not found in the airstream and was concealed in the wall under a window, it is still a zero tolerant type of mold. So, we will rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Even though the air quality tests indicate there is not a current state of risk and mold was not found in the second room, we will continue to keep both rooms closed. We will have professionals come into the building to eradicate any form of mold found in that room. Once Safe Environmental Solutions deem the rooms habitable again we will resume classes in those rooms. At the earliest, it will be at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you for your patience during this time period and enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Mark A. Tinkham
Principal