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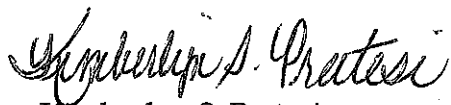
Dear Parents,

As shared last week, our building underwent a walkthrough review for Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ). At that time, three areas within the building were identified as having potential "suspicious growth" due to observable discoloration on ceiling tiles and/or walls. HCPSS Building Services responded with immediacy to this concern, conducting a more thorough analysis and follow-up actions. Listed below is a summary of findings:

- **Media Center** (Water stain found on ceiling tile above circulation desk – determined there was a leak in sprinkler system resulting in saturation of tile – leak has been repaired. The staining was visually confirmed to be mold growth from a past leak from a sprinkler pipe elbow that seemed to have sealed itself with rust. Building Services cut the damaged drywall out and replaced with a plastic access panel. A work order has been submitted for Building Services to address the rusted sprinkler pipe elbow.)
- **Gymnasium/Stage** (Discoloration found along wall at back of stage – determined that welding occurred during renovation resulting in rust. No mold was identified but the wall will be repainted during the winter break.)
- **Storage Closet** (Discoloration found along wall and ceiling – the material running down the wall was not mold, but product from roof replacement or construction. The speckled pattern on the upper steel beam was suspect mold. The staining was cleaned and disinfected using custodial product Q128 (EPA registered). The cause appears to be thermal surface differential (metal conducting / influenced by outdoor air temperature / draft and the indoor temperature forming condensate). It is undetermined if past (during construction) or present. A work team will continue to evaluate but no current growth identified.)

Should you have any questions about these findings, please feel welcome to contact me. Additionally, please feel welcome to visit our HES website (About Our School Tab) for findings from our IEQ walkthroughs and periodic updates.

Sincerely,



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Principal