

Good Afternoon:

In light of the recent discovery of high levels of Aspergillus Penicillin, fungi and spore activity at the Willow Grove School, the District, in an abundance of caution, has requested that the outside environmental company, RK Environmental, also conduct air quality samples in all of the District's schools. We would rather be proactive than reactive, and want to provide as much assurance as possible to our staff, students, parents and the community at large that our other buildings do not have similar issues.

In that regard, this past Wednesday, September 27, 2017, eight (8) various classrooms and locations within the Hackettstown Middle School were tested, and this afternoon, the District has received the preliminary results from those air quality samplings. Based on those preliminary results, RK Environmental has concluded that only one (1) of the eight (8) classrooms and locations tested came back with higher than usual Aspergillus Penicillin, fungi and spore activity.

Based on those findings, RK Environmental has assured us that this is not an emergency issue and does not pose a health concern to our students and staff. Nevertheless, both the Warren County Health Department and the Warren County Office of Education has been apprised of these preliminary results and our intended plan of action in response to those findings.

Going forward, the District will have the one location, not a classroom, with higher than normal fungal activity air scrubbed immediately.

I thank you in advance for your patience, trust and cooperation.

Sincerely,

David C. Mango  
Superintendent of Schools