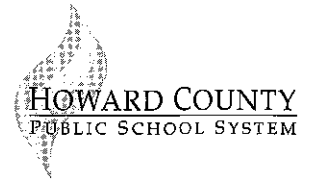


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August 20, 2017

I hope that you are enjoying the last moments of summer. As always, I am thankful to the Talbott Springs Elementary School custodial staff because of the caring and thorough approach that each takes when cleaning our school building. About midday on Friday, August 18, 2017, one of the members of our custodial staff noted two locations with minor spots of mold and reported the concern to me. HCPSS responded immediately to my call and within hours, the entire building had been thoroughly inspected and dehumidifiers were placed strategically to mitigate any hint of mold before it became a larger issue. The HCPSS HVAC team has worked on the air handler unit and the system is now fully operational.

Because of the quick actions of the TSES custodial staff, our building is safe for students and staff. Even better news is that the HCPSS Board of Education approved a replacement building for Talbott Springs Elementary with a planned opening date of December 2020. In the meanwhile, HCPSS has assured me that there will be a clear schedule for routine checks of the nine roof air handler units.

Talbott Springs will conduct the required and comprehensive Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) walkthroughs during the 2017-2018 school year. The results of those walkthroughs will be posted on the Talbott Springs Elementary Website under the heading 'Indoor Environmental Quality'. In that same location on the website is a downloadable IEQ Concern forms that may be completed by any concerned citizen.

I assure you that our building is safe for staff and students and that we will remain vigilant regarding the quality of the air in our school. I appreciate your taking the time to read this letter and I look forward to seeing your children soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Thompson".

Nancy Thompson
Principal