November 22, 2021

Dear Hillside Parents, Caregivers and Staff,

As you may know, Classroom 2 at Hillside School is closed due to air quality inspections. We initially tested the air-quality of the room in September, and the results were acceptable. Due to teacher requests, we once again tested the room on October 8 and the air quality proved to be acceptable.

Having received another request from the classroom teacher, B&G initiated implementation of air scrubbing to purge the room for a 24- to 48-hour period followed by another air quality test which was performed by Detail Associates, our indoor air quality testing consultant. On November 15 we learned that this latest test was unacceptable. The consultant could not ascertain why it was unacceptable. Therefore, the district immediately shut down the room and the students were relocated to a new instructional space until additional assessments and remediation could be performed.

Part of the consultant’s remediation recommendations included the power washing and sanitization of the tunnels beneath the classroom in a sub-basement. On November 20, AllRisk, Inc. was hired and has since completed its remediation process of the area in the sub-basement. The next steps will be to air-scrub, sanitize and disinfect the classroom and retest the air quality before allowing the students and staff to return. Provided the air quality in the room is deemed acceptable after the retest, we are hopeful that students and staff will be back in after the Thanksgiving break.

Thank you for your patience while we address these concerns as health and safety are our utmost priorities.

Dr. Jonathan Ponds
Superintendent