



# *Duneland School Corporation*

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Dear Duneland School Corporation Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Schools in Northwest Indiana have experienced high relative humidity levels this summer. As a result of the high humidity levels, the Duneland School Corporation received concerns from school personnel regarding the air quality for four of its school buildings.

After investigation, Duneland School Corporation immediately implemented mold remediation and cleaning procedures. Mold optical air sampling was immediately performed at these schools and the airborne mold concentrations were determined to be slightly elevated, but no restrictions for occupancy have been deemed necessary. Issues at three of the locations have since been mitigated and will continue to be monitored.

The fourth school, Jackson Elementary, also had areas of mold growth that have been addressed. Custodial staff members worked diligently to clean the affected areas for mold growth, and recently a local mold remediation company was hired to further mitigate the issue.

A third-party outside environmental testing company specializing in indoor air quality is currently performing assessments of the air quality on an ongoing basis at Jackson School and where it is deemed necessary at other locations. In addition, school officials are also proactively working with building and custodial staff to examine and identify any other potential mold growth locations that may be present throughout our facilities due to high relative humidity levels this past summer season.

We will continue to communicate updates to you as soon as they are available. If you have questions or need additional information, please direct them to our indoor air quality designee, Bill Branham, [wbranham@duneland.k12.in.us](mailto:wbranham@duneland.k12.in.us); 219-983-3618.

Sincerely,

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