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Dear Community Member,

The Richard M. Teitelman School was closed for construction this summer to allow for the installation of new lockers and painting of selected hallways. Excessive condensation from the air conditioning lines caused extremely elevated humidity levels in several classrooms on the first floor, leading to the development of visible mold growth in some first-floor classrooms. Upon discovering this issue, the Lower Cape May Regional School District promptly engaged Hillmann Consulting, our environmental consultant and industrial hygienist, to conduct air sampling and provide guidance on immediate and effective cleaning and remediation procedures. Following Hillmann's recommendations, we contracted AllRisk, a professional cleaning and remediation company, to thoroughly clean the affected areas, utilizing the appropriate microbial cleaning methodologies and equipment. Additionally, Hillmann Consulting provided training to our custodial staff on mold growth identification and proper cleaning techniques for minor instances of observed growth. At the completion of AllRisk's cleaning activities, Hillmann is conducting a clearance inspection, with the collection of air samples in each completed room as well as non-affected rooms to ensure the health and safety of students and staff. The issue with the air conditioning lines has been resolved, which will prevent similar issues from recurring. Black mold, known as *Stachybotrys*, was not detected at any point. Based on current progress, I have no reason to believe there will be any delays to the opening of school on September 3rd, or the Teitelman Experience scheduled for August 26th and 27th.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Lasher
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