



Cusick School District #59

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Dear Panther Families:

On October 3, 2022 we received the lab results of the surface mold that was discovered in some classrooms in the south end of the high school building, along with a written narrative from the Industrial Hygienist from NEWESD 101. The narrative is as follows:

Reporting is updated for the fungal types found. As already found, the Science room is the worst for growth and mold type for potential harm. Keeping affected classrooms restricted for access is a best precaution. Minimal mold counts indicated sporadic and limited growths. There is not enough fungal growth in the ambient air to cause undue harm to humans. Persons with respirable accommodations and susceptible to airborne contaminants should not occupy the affected classrooms until the water source issues are corrected and the building condition is remediated.

What We Have Done:


Upon discovery, we immediately closed down the affected areas and brought in the Industrial Hygienist and Belfor Property Restoration. Containment was initiated and fungal growth was removed to suspend propagation to nearby spaces. All drywall and insulation systems in the affected areas have been removed. All cabinetry, furniture and white boards that acted as a moisture barrier preventing air movements and drying cycles have been removed.

Our Next Step(s):

We will work to remedy any possible roof leaks that may have been a contributing factor to the problem. Prior to re-occupation of these affected spaces, the containment barriers put into place by Belfor will remain in place until all framing, insulation and drywall replacement has been completed.

In closing, I am appreciative of the resiliency our kids have shown throughout this process. The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our highest priority and we will continue to remain steadfast throughout.

Respectfully,


Don Hawpe
Superintendent
Cusick School District