



# LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents of Students at Mill Pond Elementary School:

Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and understanding as we continue to navigate the process to effectively address the impact of the presence of mercury in the Mill Pond School gymnasium floor. In addition to the air sampling tests that were performed within and in the vicinity of the gymnasium, a sample was taken from the floor's surface in order to determine the level of mercury in the floor itself, an action that was recommended by the district's consultants, AHERA Consultants Incorporated ("AHERA").

The results of the floor sample confirm that mercury was found in the gym floor, consistent with vintage floors installed between 1960 and 1980. This finding, coupled with the air sampling test results acquired over the last few weeks, will provide the basis for us to discuss all available options and make an informed decision regarding improvements and/or changes to the gymnasium. To that end, we will continue to collaborate with consultants intimately familiar and working closely with other school districts across the State on this issue. Until then, the gymnasium at Mill Pond School will remain closed.

I will continue to update you with information as it becomes available. Until that time, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Vanessa P. Clark, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools