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Dr. Jahmal Mosley
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear South Hadley Community,

I am writing this letter to apprise you of a situation at the South Hadley High School. Last night I was notified that a white/black substance was growing on the walls and furniture in the high school. The district called Fermata Home Services and they took samples of the substance and sent it to a lab for testing. We do not know when the test results will be available.

Regardless of the results, the high school will need to be thoroughly cleaned and closed at this time. While the testing is being conducted, the school district is going to complete the following:

- Adhere to the recommendations of the testing results
- Thoroughly clean the building to ensure the substance is eradicated
- Retest to ensure any harmful substances are removed

In the meantime, all high school students will begin their first day of school remotely. I know how disappointing this sounds, but this is the safest way to start school for students and staff.

I do not have a definitive date as to when the high school will reopen to conduct in-person learning for students. Principal Elizabeth Wood will be sending out expectations for remote learning for students, staff, and parents. Please note the following:

September 2021 School Schedule

School	Start Date	Attendance
South Hadley High School	Thursday, September 2, 2021	Remote Learning until further notice
Michael E. Smith Middle School	Wednesday, September 1, 2021	In Person
Mosier Elementary School	Wednesday, September 1, 2021	In Person
Plains Elementary School – Grade 1	Wednesday, September 1, 2021	In Person
Plains Elementary School – Grade K	Wednesday, September 8, 2021	In Person
Plains Elementary School – Pre-K	Wednesday, September 15, 2021	In Person

CTEC Transportation

CTEC students will attend in person. The district will provide transportation to and from CTEC for all students. A further communication about transportation will be sent before the end of the day, tomorrow, **September 1st**.

Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to our students during this period of remote learning. Please note that all students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch.

Please use the following link to sign up for both breakfast and lunch pick up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdV1B0_PrFruMdn9ZD1CPByc6BQo_zEufjltkWbs5X8XssO1g/viewform

Breakfast and lunch pick-up will occur at the Michel E. Smith Middle School between 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, September 1st
- Tuesday, September 7th
- Monday, September 13th

Warm regards,



Dr. Jahmal Mosley