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DR. JAHMAL MOSLEY
Superintendent of Schools

Dear South Hadley High School Families,
I am writing to provide an update on the status of South Hadley High School as we continue to respond to the emergency caused by mold found in the building on Monday, August 30.

I. Testing

- a. As of today, September 7th, the district has received results from air spore and swab testing. The testing is required to determine the specific kind of cleaning that must occur to make the high school safe for occupancy. The results of each test have been posted on our district's website.

II. Assessment of building

- a. The district has retained Service Master Restore as its primary cleaning/mitigation provider. The district has provided Service Master Restore with test results to aid in their determination of the best way to clean/mitigate the school. Personnel from Service Master Restore joined district and high school administration throughout the weekend as they began a needs assessment based on testing results.
 - i. Assessment includes a thorough inspection of HVAC units, air exchange ducts, ceilings/floors/walls, furniture and any other surface that might hold or distribute mold throughout the building.
- b. Dehumidifiers and scrubbers have been running continuously throughout the building since Sunday as directed by Service Master Restore.

III. Timeline

- a. At this time, assessment of all parts of the building continues to ensure that every space in the building has been thoroughly inspected. This is essential to ensure staff, students and families that when we say the building is safe for occupancy, it will be. This Thursday we will have a better understanding of the scope of the cleaning needed to return to safe occupancy. I will follow up on Thursday with information related to that updated timeline.

IV. Alternative Locations

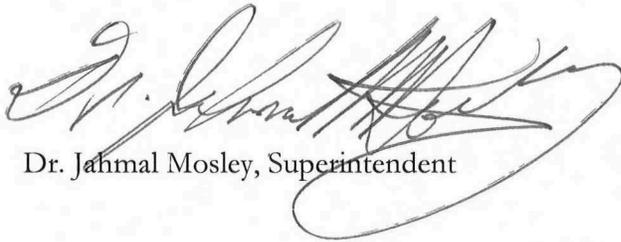
- a. District and high school administrators have contacted numerous locations to determine possible temporary housing for our high school. As you can imagine, each come with a significant cost, space limitations, and COVID related restrictions, but we continue to actively pursue these options with representatives from these locations. They include:

- i. Mass Mutual Center
 - ii. Elms College
 - iii. Holyoke Community College
 - iv. Holyoke Mall
 - v. Area public school districts
 - vi. Various religious facilities
 - vii. Community centers
- b. In addition, we are investigating the use of portable classrooms to be housed on our high school campus.

V. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)

- a. The district has been actively engaged with DESE and the commissioner's office. We continue to work with DESE to come to an agreement on how to resolve missed school days as a result of the mold.

Additional updates will be forthcoming as developments arise.

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Dr. Jahmal Mosley, Superintendent