



Redwood Elementary School

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Dear Redwood Families,

I am writing to inform you that on November 1, 2016 a concern was raised that lighting work in the Art Room may have loosened dust in the ceiling that contained asbestos fibers. Ms. Schustak reported this to the office and we immediately contacted our Maintenance Department. Based upon her concern, we moved art classes out of the art room until testing could determine if there was, in fact, asbestos present.

We scheduled asbestos testing for the classroom that took place over the weekend of November 5th and 6th. On the afternoon of Monday November 7th the results returned that there was no asbestos in the air samples; however, the district took additional precautions and conducted "swipe" sample testing of several surfaces. In 2 of the swipe samples trace amounts of asbestos fibers were found. This does not require remedial action; however, the district decided to contract with GL Group and Ahera consultants to perform minor operations & maintenance and cleanup of the entire room. The contractors performed the work while school was not in session starting on October 8, 2016.

At the conclusion of the project, aggressive air sampling of the room was conducted. Final air sampling results concluded that the room was safe to occupy. The certificate of completion was issued on November 11, 2016. We have still conducted Art classes in the classrooms this week and worked to get the Art room back in order as all materials were removed for cleaning. We will resume classes in the Art Room tomorrow, Thursday November 17th or Friday November 18th.

The precautions we took kept students and staff away from the area. As you are aware we take the issue of student and staff safety very seriously. Additionally, we applaud Ms. Schustak's vigilance in bringing this to our attention.

I believe that the partnership we share as a school community means that it is important to keep everyone informed in order to minimize concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or at 973-669-5457 if you have further queries on this matter.

Regards,

Principal