October 2, 2019

Dear Steel Valley Community,

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have dealt with the issue of bed bugs. We have treated our schools as prescribed by the Allegheny County Health Department and as recommended by our professional exterminator. During our inspections and treatments, no additional bed bugs have been located, and we are confident that none of our schools had, or currently has, an infestation.

Unfortunately, we know of three families that are now dealing with bed bugs. Between the three families, they have students at each of our schools. Therefore, our exterminator has inspected and treated all of our schools thoroughly. As an additional measure, our custodians disinfected all of our classrooms.

I ask our community to please support the families and students that are dealing with bed bugs in their homes; because the presence of bed bugs has no correlation at all to cleanliness, any of us could be faced with the same predicament in the future.

As a precaution, I respectfultly request that you strip the bedding off each of the beds in your house/apartment and look for bed bugs. I truly hope that you do not find a bed bug in your home, but if you would happen to find any, then please let your building principal know and please follow the advice from the Allegheny County Health Department, which can be found on our website. The more thoroughly we check our homes, the less likely it is that a bed bug will be brought unintentionally to school.

We look forward to a great day of school tomorrow (Thursday, October 3).

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer