



WOODBURY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Staff,

As you may have heard from recent news reports, it has been discovered that certain rubberized multi-purpose room floors in the Washington Township School District that were installed in the late 1990's were found to have trace amounts of mercury that were used in the installation process. This practice was stopped around 2006. Once we became aware of this we had our gold cafeteria tested since it was installed during this window of time. I was notified yesterday afternoon that our rubberized floor did have mercury present similar to that found at Washington Twp. Upon this initial reading we contracted with an environmental company who specializes in this type of testing to get a more comprehensive test and remediation advisories and plans based on the test results. We are awaiting the results of these tests, which we expect within the next week or so.

Based on the information we have gathered so far from the initial tests and the environmental experts we have consulted, there does not appear to be reason to believe that currently the mercury presence exceeds the federal guidelines or present a health risk. However, we have decided to exercise an abundance of caution in dealing with this situation and in appreciation of the understandable anxiety this may create with our students, parents, and staff, we will be closing the Gold Cafeteria effective tomorrow, Thursday, April 4th. It will remain closed until such time as the more comprehensive tests results are in and we have an opportunity to consult further with experts in the field as to our plans moving forward. Rest assured health and safety will be the first and foremost priority in those plans. It is our intent to share the test results and our plans with everyone once they become available.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding in this matter. If anyone should have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Coleman, Jr.
Interim Superintendent