

**Nikolaos C. Koutsogiannis**  
**Superintendent of Schools**



**Frances C. Adler**  
**Business Administrator**

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Dear Clayton Community:

*I would like to update you in regards to the gymnasium floor testing that was conducted in our school buildings. As I informed you in my previous letter, we took the proactive steps to test our rubberized gymnasium floors for mercury. Toward that end, we contracted with Epic Environmental Services to conduct the bulk core floor sample testing for the presence of mercury.*

*The initial core test for the Simmons Elementary School gymnasium found that the floors were non-mercury containing and that no further action was required. With this result in mind, I have authorized the re-opening of the Elementary School gymnasium effective immediately.*

*The core testing of the High School/Middle School auxiliary gymnasium found that the floor does contain mercury. Once I had received the core testing results, it was recommended and I authorized that an air quality test be conducted for the High School/Middle School auxiliary gymnasium during normal operating conditions. I received the air quality testing results, and I am pleased to inform you that they are below the New Jersey State Department of Health action limit criteria. However, it was recommended that a second air quality test be taken during the hot and humid summer months. This will give us results under worst-case conditions. I have authorized that the second air quality test be done and will wait for those results to determine any further action.*

*In light of this recommendation, the High School/Middle School auxiliary gymnasium will remain closed for the remainder of the school year. I feel this is the prudent and safe thing to do until we have the complete results from the second air quality test. Attached to this letter is a copy of the Mercury Air Sampling Summary from Epic Environmental. The final reports will be posted on our District website as soon as they become available.*

*As always, thank you for your support of Clayton Public School District.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Nikolaos C. Koutsogiannis*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

*Attachment*

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