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Durham Families,

When the 2006 bond projects got started, we never dreamed our contractors would have so much rain to contend with during construction. We want you to know that we are doing everything possible to get as much of the project done by the start of school as we can. It is amazing how much progress gets done in a 24-hour period. And though to the visible eye it appears there is still much to do before August 27, we believe strongly that we'll serve and educate students that first day of school!

The good news is that the chillers arrived this week and the building is about to be turned back over to our custodial staff for cleaning and prep work in anticipation of the first day. The bad news is that our delayed schedule has caused some anxiousness regarding the site drainage project, resulting in changes to our meet the teacher events on that campus. Please know we will do whatever we can to communicate up-to-date information in as timely a manner as possible. Please stay tuned to the district's website and campus communications for important back-to-school notices. If there are any additional instructions to ensure a smooth start to the 2007-2008 school year, we'll communicate them to you. We do appreciate the patience shown by our Durham employees and families. The end result at that campus, we believe, will be well worth the hassles we are experiencing short-term.

I also need to make you aware of a situation involving mold at several of our CISD facilities. We've had an air quality consultant in a number of CISD schools this week after various types of mold were discovered in our buildings. The consultant believes this situation is likely caused by excessive moisture in the air over the summer months. Campuses with scheduled roof work were particularly vulnerable, which means that Durham is one of the campuses where mold has been found. The district is taking every precaution to have the identified classrooms and work areas thoroughly cleaned and tested before they are used again. We are committed to surveying every classroom in every CISD building to assess the mold situation. The district will follow the recommendations of the consultant and conduct either in-house cleaning or consultant-based abatement depending on the seriousness of the mold content.

We have every reason to believe that a solution will be implemented swiftly. Mold treatment is also occurring simultaneously at Johnson Elementary and Carroll Elementary. A number of North Texas school districts are undergoing mold testing right now because of the unseasonably wet weather we experienced in June and July. The forecast, however, is hot and dry, so we believe we'll have a window of opportunity to make significant progress in the areas of construction and mold abatement.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your campus principal. The campus administrators have been extremely helpful in working with our staff and the consultants to get the campuses ready for the start of school. While I hope you are enjoying the last few days of your break, the Administration just wanted to make sure you were informed of the ongoing work at our buildings.

Sincerely,

David J. Faltys
Superintendent