FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



September 7, 2012

Dear Osborn Hill Community:

We are pleased to get the school year off to such a great start in our building. The staff and students are doing very well adjusting to the space limitations. The purpose of this letter is to bring you up to speed on our efforts to return our facilities to the fullest possible use in the shortest period of time.

We have received approval to order and install a temporary gym on the southwest side of the building (outside classrooms 119, 120 and 121). In essence, this is a large portable classroom that has approximately the same number of square feet as the existing gym. This structure will allow us to offer our Physical Education Program, rain or shine, in the same facility every day. As the height of this structure is lower than a regular gym, we may need to modify the program. Once installed, the gym will also cause the loss of a few parking spaces on that side of the building. It will take about 4-6 weeks for this gym to be installed.

We are continuing to work on methods to obtain air clearances in the unoccupied rooms in the school. We are exploring these options with our environmental consultants and will be implementing them as soon as possible. While we are optimistic that we can return to using some of the spaces in the near future, it is not possible to put a firm timetable on it. As we perform additional testing and receive results we will post them to our website.

At the PTA meeting on September 20, Mr. Tom Cullen, Director of Operations for Fairfield Public Schools, will be present to give an update and answer any questions related to the project. Ms. Pam Iacono, BOE Chairman, will also be in attendance. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm in the APR.

We are beginning the process of working with environmental consultants and architects to determine the funding required to remediate the gymnasium and replace the windows. Once we have a plan and a firm cost estimate in place, we will request Town approval. This is expected to take several months to complete, as it also must be approved by the EPA.

As we get more information on the status of Osborn Hill, we will communicate it to you. Thank you for your continued patience and support in getting this school year off to a great start.

Sincerely,

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