

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Education Center

August 24, 2012

Dear Osborn Hill Community:

I am pleased to announce that we will be opening Osborn Hill School to students as scheduled on Thursday, August 30, 2012. This decision has been made in consultation with the local and State Departments of Public Health, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Environmental Protection Agency and AMC, our environmental consultants.

All classrooms that will be occupied by students are now within the EPA guidelines. However, we are still awaiting the results from additional testing in two classrooms. Until results which meet EPA guidelines are received, two kindergarten classes will be temporarily relocated. Mrs. Minio's class (room 107) will start the school year in room 123 (Art room). Ms. Ghazian's class (room 108) will start the school year in room 122 (Math room). During this time, Art will be held in classrooms. When the results from rooms 107 and 108 come back and meet EPA guidelines, we will relocate the kindergartens back to these classrooms.

While our remediation efforts have been largely successful, there are some common areas where we have not received clearance for occupancy and cleaning will continue. These areas are the Library Media Center and a boys and girls bathroom in the main hallway. In the event we are not able to get clearance for these spaces for the start of school, they will be closed off to student and staff use. If we do not have the use of the Library Media Center at the start of the year, library services will be "on a cart."

"Wipe samples" have been taken throughout the school of instructional materials, supplies and equipment, and these have come back clean in all cases. Specific test results (air tests and wipe tests) have been shared with us verbally in order for us to make our decision regarding the opening of school; as soon as a written report is issued we will post it on our website.

As you may recall from earlier letters, the remediation of the gymnasium will take some time to accomplish. We are securing a temporary gymnasium to place on-site; we expect that to be in place by the end of September. In the interim, PE classes will be held outdoors or, during inclement weather, in the APR.

The EPA requires periodic monitoring, testing and, if necessary, cleaning throughout the year. We have filed a draft of a plan with the EPA to do that. We also will be developing a plan to remediate the gymnasium and replace the windows and will be seeking funding from the Town bodies as rapidly as possible for this effort.

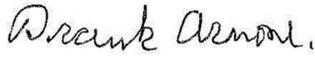
Final cleaning will take place this weekend and early next week; staff will be able to begin setting up rooms on Monday and will be working in a very compressed timeframe to get their rooms ready for school. As a result, we ask that you refrain from visiting the school or classrooms until Thursday, August 30th. There will not be a kindergarten visitation day prior to opening.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this difficult issue. Our goal throughout this process has been to ensure that students and staff come back to a safe and healthy learning environment.

Sincerely,



David G. Title, Superintendent of Schools



Frank Arnone, Principal