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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work with Midwest Environmental Consulting Services to remedy the air quality issues within the mobile classrooms. The health and safety of our students, staff, and teachers is of utmost importance to St. George CCSD No. 258.

As stated in my August 19, 2018 Letter to Parents, visual inspections and air quality tests of the south mobile unit indicated the presence of mold in Mrs. MacGilvray's Classroom. **Stachybotrys (what most people commonly refer to as "black mold") was NOT found to be present during the test.** Visual inspections and air quality tests did not indicate concerns in Mrs. Rottmann's Classroom located in the south mobile unit during the first test. Visual inspections of the ductwork in the north mobile unit were conducted and revealed the presence of a substance in the ductwork contained in Mrs. Harrington's classroom and the adjoining restrooms. Additional air quality inspections were scheduled to be conducted by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services on Monday, August 20, 2018. Out of an abundance of caution, Mrs. Harrington's 5th Grade Class and Mrs. Spencer's 5th Grade Class which occupied the north mobile unit were temporarily relocated until the air quality inspections were performed within the north mobile unit.

As stated in my August 21, 2018 Letter to Parents, air quality tests were performed again on Mrs. Rottmann's classroom located in the south mobile unit the morning of August 20, 2018 and the results were received after school the same day. The results indicated a change in conditions within Mrs. Rottmann's Classroom. As a result, immediate steps were taken to move Mrs. Rottmann's classroom prior to the start of school on August 21, 2018.

In summary, test results received after school on August 20, 2018 indicated molds were present in Mrs. Rottmann's Classroom in the south mobile unit and in Mrs. Harrington's and Mrs. Spencer's Classrooms and the girl's restroom in the north mobile unit. **Stachybotrys (what most people commonly refer to as "black mold") has NOT been found to be present during any of the tests.**

An environmental remediation company, working under the direction of Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, began mold remediation and cleaning in the north and south mobile units on Monday, August 27, 2018. Air samples will be collected and tested after the mold remediation and cleaning process concludes. Midwest Environmental Consulting Services will determine when successful mold remediation and cleaning has been achieved and student occupancy can resume. We anticipate full occupancy of the mobile classrooms by Monday, September 10, 2018.

We will update parents when more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office directly at (815) 802-3102.

Sincerely,



Helen M. Boehrsen
Superintendent of Schools