



Lexington Public Schools

146 Maple Street ♦ Lexington, Massachusetts 02420

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Dear Estabrook Parents and Guardians:

Late yesterday afternoon, we learned from our consultant that the results from most recent air tests would not be ready for the Advisory Committee meeting scheduled last night. Even though the most recent air test results were not available, the Advisory Committee met with Dr. MacIntosh from EH and E to talk about parent questions and the current data we have. Since we expect to have air test results by Monday morning, the Advisory Committee will meet on Monday evening, September 20, 2010.

This morning, Mrs. Trach and I walked the entire building with our facilities staff. I am pleased to report that every room now has substantially more fresh air being brought in from outside. Unit ventilators have been repaired, and additional air handling units have been added to all kindergarten classrooms. In addition, in order to be sure that all air units will continue to operate properly, the facilities staff is now conducting school rounds during the morning, mid-day, and afternoon.

Given that it's still the fall and we can bring in large amounts of temperate outside air, I am confident that the school is safe for all students and staff.

In order to be ready for the winter months, this Monday evening the members of the Advisory Committee and I will discuss additional concrete steps that need to take place very soon. I will announce more information next week. Mrs. Trach has also been working with the teachers to develop an educational plan if classrooms need to be relocated.

Estabrook School will be open all of next week with no change in the schedule.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Ash, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools