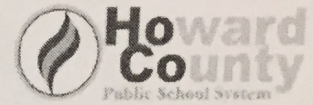


# STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June 25, 2018

Dear Stevens Forest Families,

This letter provides information regarding a water/flooding event due to a failed water fountain over the weekend of June 16, 2018 and discovered on Monday, June 18, 2018 before student arrival on the penultimate day of school. The flooding impacted three kindergarten classrooms, two smaller resource rooms, and the adjoining hallway (specifically, rooms 19, 20, 73, 74, and 75). Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) Building Services and Office of Environment along with their restoration and general contractors responded very quickly to address the incident.

During the cleanup, limited mold growth (totaling ~ 5 square feet) was observed between the double layered drywall separating the resource rooms from a past unknown water incident. HCPSS Building Services subsequently shut off all water fountains and are replacing hardware due to similar, yet less impactful, occurrences with other water fountains in the past year. Bottled water dispensers were delivered to the school to provide fresh drinking water.

As of today's date, the restoration contractor is finalizing their stage of the work in preparation for the commencement of the general contractor's work to repair all damage. We take these types of incidents seriously and will provide further details as they become available. Please feel free to contact us at (410) 313-6900 should you have any questions and to visit the IEQ section of our website at <http://sfes.hcpss.org/environment> for more details regarding this process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernesto Diaz", written over the printed name.

Ernesto Diaz,  
Principal