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Wheelock presentation

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Hi Nancy,

Just so you have it, below is a link to Michael LaFrancesca School Committee presentation on school facility work, and his specific piece on Wheelock School kitchen work. He noted:

"In Wheelock cafeteria...walk-in was repaired...a lot of work was needed in kitchen area...a couple of other mechanical issues in kitchen area – all resolved over the summer."

<https://youtu.be/J9evwfeuK-U?t=2822>

The parent who confided in me was surprised to learn that evidently none of the problems had been reported to Medfield Board of Health, but she also knows that the fear of retaliation is likely the biggest reason. She noted that among what Michael mentioned, the oven had broken and the situation was "disgusting." This parent had started asking questions of various Wheelock staff (not specifically cafeteria folks) after wondering why pizza was being served "every day" during the last few weeks of her child's school year.

It sounds like all in Wheelock kitchen is fixed now, but the fact there were problems while kids were in school and those problems seem to have been silenced in some way, is disturbing. Maybe there needs to be some proactive Medfield Dept Public Health communication/presentation with all school cafeteria staff via the union that anonymous complaints of possible violations will be investigated?

Thanks much,

Chris