

School #18 work Summary:

Completed:

Room #1, Principal's Office, and main office, abated for asbestos and mold.

Ceilings removed and replaced in Room #1, Principal's Office, and main office.

Carpet replaced in main office and Principal's Office.

Visible mold treated in all rooms & hallways. Spots with mold were scraped, sprayed with fungicide, and painted with mold-inhibiting paint.

All rooms were cleaned by janitors over the 3/24, 3/25 weekend.

Room #5 abated for asbestos fibers by B&G.

Ahera reps walked the building to visually inspect for any additional issues. They found a pipe with asbestos insulation in the media center. They will address that pipe when they work on the media center.

In progress:

Rooms #14, #22, #26 & media center will be abated the same way room #5 was abated by B&G

Soffits will be repaired by outside contractor. The contractor gave us a 4/9 start date but we are trying to get him to start sooner.

All asbestos floor tiles in Room #1 will be abated and replaced with non-asbestos flooring. The lockers will also be removed in room #1. The space where the lockers are will be replaced with sheetrock. We will install the new lockers/cubbies when they arrive.

An architect is designing plans for a permanent solution. The architects are saying this is a complicated and expensive problem. In the meantime, we have a short term solution to the water problem. We plan to waterproof the area of concern with sealant or epoxy until the architect can supply a permanent solution.

We plan on hiring an outside cleaning company to clean the rest of the rooms (other than #14, #22, #26, and the media center). We are looking at office cleaning companies to perform this work next week.

The town inspector recommended clearing out the drainage system in the courtyard. We will get the township workers to perform that work.

On Monday, April 2, we are meeting with a contractor to address the drainage issues on Elizabeth Ave side of the building.

We intend to hire Fionna Mowat, Ph.D., Principal Scientist & Center Director for Health Sciences, from a consulting company called Exponent in Menlo Park, CA, to write our summary report on all the abating and cleaning we've done so far. We will have that report ASAP.

Update on proposal to relocate students throughout the district (Plan B)

After careful consideration and partial planning, we have decided that a proposal to move the School #18 students to different locations during the regular school day (Plan B) is impossible. We tried to implement Plan B, going as far as arranging the classrooms in the destination schools. Teachers and administrators worked out details, it was just too problematic. Although Plan B will provide full-day instruction, there are simply too many complications:

- 1) We cannot use libraries or church halls because they cannot be secured and we'd also need nurses, secretaries, and security at each location.
- 2) Students would have to gather at IMS (bussed or walkers) at 9:00 am, similar to the split session process. They will be arranged into classes, then board busses to their destination schools. This process may take over 15 minutes. When they board the busses, the ride may be another 15 minutes or more. By the time they get to their classrooms, it may be close to 10:00 am.
- 3) Dismissal would have to be staggered to allow for the rest of the bussing throughout the town. Students would not return back to IMS until at least 4:30 or 5:00. Then some students would have to board another bus to get home.
- 4) We would have to split individual classes to fit in the available rooms at the destination schools. Any grade with 5 sections (grade 2 & 3) would have to reduce to 4 sections to fit in the school. This would not be fair to the class that would be split.
- 5) PARCC testing will also be a problem at the destination schools.