

July 19, 2017

Dear Willowridge Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to share with you some disappointing news that will impact WHS during the coming weeks. Our building was recently shut down for planned construction, and during that time, mold was found in parts of the building. Fortunately, the summer staff of WHS had previously relocated to another campus during construction, so no one was in the building at the time. Experts tell us the mold is mostly likely the result of prolonged humidity in the building.

We immediately took action, and we are working with environmental experts to clean and sanitize the building. This process will take some time, and that is okay because we do not want any area overlooked. Teams will be working seven days a week to correct the issue before students and staff return to our building. Certified experts will then inspect the building before giving us the "green light" to reenter for the start of school.

Just so you know, this process includes removing all furniture, carpet, ceiling tiles, sheetrock and personal items from the affected areas. Engineers will also conduct a full inspection on the school's HVAC unit, giving it a thorough cleaning and tune-up to control the airflow throughout our campus. We are doing everything we can to ensure our building is safe and ready for a fresh new start to another great year here at Willowridge.

As I mentioned, this process will take several weeks so we will have our WHS summer staff housed at Marshall High School located at 1220 Buffalo Run, Missouri City, 77489. Registration for new students, as well as transcript and diploma pickup, will take place at Marshall HS. Arrangements will also be made to relocate the WHS Band Camp and summer athletic events, including volleyball, to other locations. New Student Orientation, scheduled for August 11, will take place as planned, but as an outdoor evening event on the WHS football field. We will provide more details as the date approaches and plans are finalized.

While we had hoped to utilize a closer school like McAuliffe Middle School, it is unavailable because of their own construction projects. We appreciate Marshall HS opening their campus to us and supporting our Eagle family as we work through this challenge.

If for any reason the building is not ready for the first day of school, arrangements will be made to temporarily relocate WHS students and staff to a nearby campus. Please know that we, along with the support of our central office, are doing everything we can to make sure the work is done right and in time for the start of school. But we will not compromise the safety of our students and staff.

I apologize for any frustration and inconvenience this causes you and your family. This is not something that is taken lightly and we appreciate your support as we prepare for the 2017-18 school year. I am committed to keeping our parents, staff and students informed of any decisions that are made while the process continues. If you have any questions, please contact Terence Hayden or Melissia Smith at 281-634-2450.

Sincerely,

Thomas Graham
WHS Principal