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RE: Accelerated Repair Projects at Varnum Brook & Hawthorne Brook

Dear District Community Members:

In response to some concerns that have been voiced regarding the safety of Varnum Brook Elementary School and Hawthorne Brook Middle School, the accelerated repair team met this morning to address the issues that have been raised.

The building inspectors in both towns have toured their respective buildings extensively and the following safeguards have been put in place by the accelerated repair team to ensure a safe environment for students and staff next week:

- Beginning tomorrow (August 25th), regular air quality tests will be conducted at both schools to ensure safety and these will continue through the conclusion of the abatement process.
- Beginning Monday, August 27th, any remaining abatement work that needs to be conducted will take place after 4:00 p.m. on workdays and on weekends. While the abatement process does not pose a health concern for staff, an announcement will be made once work is set to commence and staff can decide whether to leave for the day or continue working.

In addition, there will be two (2) information sessions regarding the remaining abatement work and the safeguards that have been put in place; both staff and parents are invited to attend. These sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Hawthorne Brook Middle School Auditorium, Tuesday, August 28th @ 10:00 a.m.
- North Middlesex Regional High School, Tuesday, August 28th @ 11:00 a.m. (Please note that while this session is open to members of both schools communities, this session is primarily for Varnum Brook staff and parents, as district elementary staff will be involved in professional development at NMRHS until 11:00 a.m.)

I understand that this year's opening brings some concerns, but I can assure you that both VBES and HBMS are safe and we are all looking forward to the facility upgrades that these projects will provide.

Respectfully,

Brad Morgan
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