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Attention: Alex Baylor  
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Subject: Indoor Air Quality Survey  
Ridgecrest Elementary School  
6120 Riggs Road  
Adelphi, MD 20783

Mr. Baylor:

On December 11, 2020, a Soil and Land Use Technology, Inc. (SaLUT) Industrial Hygienist conducted an indoor air quality (IAQ) evaluation at Ridgecrest Elementary School, a property maintained by Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) located at 6120 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783, The inspection was performed in accordance with PGCPS contract number IFB 022-19.

### **Methodology**

The IAQ evaluation conducted by SaLUT included a visual assessment, IAQ instrumentation screening, and a collection of interior air samples for mold in representative locations throughout the building. Additionally, one building exterior environmental air sample was taken for comparison.

Air-borne fungal spore samples were collected on *Air-O-Cell* cassettes using a Buck BioAire calibrated pump. The air samples were taken between three and five feet from the ground. In tandem with collecting mold samples, real-time readings for carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, temperature and relative humidity were collected using a Fluke 975 Air Meter in representative areas within the facility.

The fungal spore air samples were delivered to EMSL Analytical, Inc. of Beltsville, Maryland for analysis. Fungal spores and particulates in air samples were analyzed by Optical Microscopy (methods EMSL 05-TP-003 and ASTM D7391). The sample chain-of-custody and laboratory reports are attached.

## Observations

The table below summarizes the main observations from the IAQ survey at Ridgecrest Elementary School, visited on December 11, 2020.

**Table 1-Observations**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Summary of Observations 12-11-2020</b>
In front of Main Entrance	2'x 4' ceiling tiles and 1'x 1' tile floor; No visual signs of microbial growth; Mild odor; No visible dust on floor/other furniture surfaces; No visible dust around ventilator; Central AC.
Between Classrooms 4 and 9	2'x4' ceiling tiles and 1'x 1' tile floor; No visual signs of microbial growth, and no odor; No visible dust on floor/other furniture surfaces; No visible dust around ventilator; Central AC.
In front of Classroom 20	2'x4' ceiling tiles and 1'x 1' tile floor; No visual signs of microbial growth; Mild odor; No visible dust on floor/other furniture surfaces; No visible dust around ventilator; Central AC.
In front of Classroom 24	2'x4' ceiling tiles and 1'x 1' tile floor; No visual signs of microbial growth; Mild odor; No visible dust on floor/other furniture surfaces; No visible dust around ventilator; Central AC.
Between Classrooms 106 and 107	2'x4' ceiling tiles and 1'x 1' tile floor; No visual signs of microbial growth; Mild odor; No visible dust on floor/other furniture surfaces; No visible dust around ventilator; Central AC.
Outside Exterior EV Sample	Windy

## Measurements of Indoor Environmental Quality Parameters

Table 2 depicts a summary of average measurements of comfort.

### Temperature

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) have published recommendations for year round acceptable temperatures in Standard 55-2010 *Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy*. The winter comfort range is 20 to 24°C (68 to 75°F) and 23 to 26°C (73 to 79°F) is the summer comfort

range. The temperature readings were within the ASHRAE recommended ranges in the representative spaces.

### **Relative Humidity (RH)**

RH is a key factor for mold growth. Mold has the potential of growing on suitable surfaces with humidity levels above 60%. ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010 *Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality* recommends a maximum indoor RH of 65% to preclude the likelihood of condensation on cool surfaces encouraging mold growth. The RH readings were within the ASHRAE recommended ranges in the representative areas.

### **Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**

Under conditions of maximum occupancy, ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2010, Appendix C, infers that the acceptable CO<sub>2</sub> upper limit is the prevailing outdoor CO<sub>2</sub> concentration plus 700 parts per million (ppm). On the day of the space evaluation, the outdoor (building exterior) CO<sub>2</sub> concentration was approximately 445 ppm therefore indoor concentrations should not exceed approximately 1,145 ppm (700 + 445). The maximum average interior CO<sub>2</sub> concentration detected was 688 ppm between Classrooms 4 and 9, a range within the ASHRAE recommendations, per Table 2 below.

### **Carbon Monoxide (CO)**

CO is a colorless and odorless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon containing fuels. Oil, gasoline, diesel fuels, wood, coke, and coal are major sources of CO. All registered CO concentrations were below the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 9 ppm, per Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Ridgcrest Elementary School-Instrumental Screening Levels  
December 11, 2020 (9:30 AM-11:30 AM)**

Sample Location	Temp °F	RH%	CO ppm	CO <sub>2</sub> ppm
Standards	ASHRAE 68 to 75°F*	ASHRAE <65%	NAAQS 9	ASHRAE 1,166
Hallway in front of Main Entrance	68.3	28.5	0	645
Between Classrooms 4 and 9	68.4	27.4	0	688
In front of Classroom 20	69.8	29.4	0	656
In front of Classroom 24	69.7	35.4	0	639
Between Classrooms 106 and 107	68.7	24.6	0	643
Outside Exterior EV Sample	37.7	53.2	0	445

PM - Particulate Matter size

°F - Degrees Fahrenheit

CO - Carbon Monoxide

ppm - parts per million

µg/m<sup>3</sup> - micrograms per cubic meter

RH% - % Relative Humidity

CO<sub>2</sub> - Carbon Dioxide

\* - Winter Comfort Range

### Mold-in-Air Samples

There are no definitive regulations or standardized guidelines for addressing airborne mold in an indoor setting. If building systems (ventilation, envelope) are functioning properly, the indoor population profile should mimic what is encountered outdoors and the concentrations should be below the outdoor (building exterior) environmental sample levels.

**Tables 3:** Summarizes airborne mold spore sampling results and locations. On December 11, 2020, total mold counts in representative samples (spore count/m<sup>3</sup> of air) in all the areas inspected were lower than the outdoor concentrations. Laboratory analysis follows this report (see attachment).

**Table 3: Ridgecrest Elementary School - Measurements of Mold-in-Air Samples  
December 11, 2020 (9:30 AM-11:30 AM)**

Spore Types	Main Entrance	Between Classrooms 4 and 9	In front of Classroom 20	In front of Classroom 24
<i>Alternaria (Ulocladium)</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Ascospores</i>	200	80	40	200
<i>Aspergillus/Penicillium</i>	740	200	3,700	300
<i>Basidiospores</i>	3,700	4,100	700	2,700
<i>Bipolaris++</i>	-	-	10*	-
<i>Chaetomium</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladosporium</i>	-	410	-	100
<i>Curvularia</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Epicoccum</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Fusarium</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Ganoderma</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Myxomycetes++</i>	100	10*	-	300
<i>Pithomyces++</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Rust</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Scopulariopsis/Microascus</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Stachybotrys/Memnoniella</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Unidentifiable Spores</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Zygomycetes</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Nigrospora</i>	-	-	-	-
<i>Hyphal Fragment</i>	-	10*	-	10*
<i>Insect Fragment</i>	-	-	-	10*
<i>Pollen</i>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>4,810</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>3,620</b>

\* Spore Counts per cubic meter of air (Counts/m<sup>3</sup>).

++Includes other spores with similar morphology.

**Table 3: Bowie High School - Measurements of Mold-in-Air Samples continued  
December 11, 2020 (9:30 AM-11:30 AM)**

Spore Types	Between Classrooms 106 and 107	Outside			Field Blank
<i>Alternaria (Ulocladium)</i>	-	40			-
<i>Ascospores</i>	-	200			-
<i>Aspergillus/Penicillium</i>	80	490			-
<i>Basidiospores</i>	200	6,160			-
<i>Bipolaris</i> ++	-	10*			-
<i>Chaetomium</i>	-	-			-
<i>Cladosporium</i>	-	10,100			-
<i>Curvularia</i>	-	-			-
<i>Epicoccum</i>	-	570			-
<i>Fusarium</i>	-	-			-
<i>Ganoderma</i>	-	-			-
<i>Myxomycetes</i> ++	-	2,000			-
<i>Pithomyces</i> ++	-	30*			-
<i>Rust</i>	-	40			-
<i>Scopulariopsis/Microascus</i>	-	-			-
<i>Stachybotrys/Memnoniella</i>	-	-			-
<i>Unidentifiable Spores</i>	-	-			-
<i>Zygomycetes</i>	-	-			-
<i>Nigrospora</i>	-	-			-
<i>Hyphal Fragment</i>	10*	100			-
<i>Insect Fragment</i>	-	-			-
<i>Pollen</i>	-	-			-
<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>19,740</b>			<b>No Trace</b>

\*Spore Counts per cubic meter of air (Counts/m<sup>3</sup>).

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**Findings and Conclusions**

The comfort parameters (i.e., temperature, RH, CO<sub>2</sub>, and CO levels) in the representative areas conform to ASHRAE and/or NAAQS guidelines. On December 11, 2020, total mold counts in representative area samples (spore count/m<sup>3</sup> of air) in all the areas inspected were lower than the outdoor concentrations, indicating no amplified mold growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide industrial hygiene services for PGCPS. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301.595.3783.

Sincerely,



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**Attachment**

Attachment - Mold Spore Sample Analytical Results and Chain-of-Custody Forms

## **Attachment**

### **Mold Spore Sample Analytical Results and Chain-of-Custody Forms**



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### Test Report: Air-O-Cell™ Analysis of Fungal Spores & Particulates by Optical Microscopy (Methods MICRO-SOP-201, ASTM D7391)

Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location:	192012244-0001 S1 75 Main Entrance			192012244-0002 S2 75 In Front of CR 24			192012244-0003 S3 75 Between CR 4 and 9			
	Spore Types	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ascospores	5	200	4.2	4	200	5.6	2	80	1.7	
Aspergillus/Penicillium	18	740	15.6	7	300	8.3	4	200	4.2	
Basidiospores	89	3700	78.1	67	2700	75	100	4100	85.4	
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Cladosporium	-	-	-	3	100	2.8	10	410	8.5	
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Myxomycetes++	3	100	2.1	7	300	8.3	1*	10*	0.2	
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spegazzinia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4740</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>4800</b>	<b>100</b>	
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-	1*	10*	-	1*	10*	-	
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	1*	10*	-	-	-	-	
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	41	-	-	41	-	-	41	-	
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	

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Lab Sample Number: Client Sample ID: Volume (L): Sample Location:	192012244-0004			192012244-0005			192012244-0006		
	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count/M <sup>3</sup>	% of Total
S4 75 Between CR 107 and 104	S5 75 In Front of CR 20	S6 75 Outside							
<b>Spore Types</b>									
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40	0.2
Ascospores	-	-	-	1	40	0.9	6	200	1
Aspergillus/Penicillium	2	80	28.6	91	3700	83.1	12	490	2.5
Basidiospores	4	200	71.4	17	700	15.7	150	6160	31.3
Bipolaris++	-	-	-	1*	10*	0.2	1*	10*	0.1
Chaetomium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-	-	-	-	245	10100	51.3
Curvularia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	570	2.9
Fusarium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	2000	10.2
Pithomyces++	-	-	-	-	-	-	2*	30*	0.2
Rust	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	40	0.2
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spegazzinia	-	-	-	-	-	-	2*	30*	0.2
<b>Total Fungi</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>4450</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>19670</b>	<b>100</b>
Hyphal Fragment	1*	10*	-	-	-	-	3	100	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	41	-	-	41	-	-	41	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	13*	-	-	13*	-	-	13*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Background (1-5)	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-

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<b>Lab Sample Number:</b>	192012244-0007		
<b>Client Sample ID:</b>	S7		
<b>Volume (L):</b>			
<b>Sample Location:</b>	Field Blank		
<b>Spore Types</b>	<b>Raw Count</b>	<b>Count/M<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Alternaria (Ulocladium)	-	-	-
Ascospores	-	-	-
Aspergillus/Penicillium	-	-	-
Basidiospores	-	-	-
Bipolaris++	-	-	-
Chaetomium	-	-	-
Cladosporium	-	-	-
Curvularia	-	-	-
Epicoccum	-	-	-
Fusarium	-	-	-
Ganoderma	-	-	-
Myxomycetes++	-	-	-
Pithomyces++	-	-	-
Rust	-	-	-
Scopulariopsis/Microascus	-	-	-
Stachybotrys/Memnoniella	-	-	-
Unidentifiable Spores	-	-	-
Zygomycetes	-	-	-
Spegazzinia	-	-	-
<b>Total Fungi</b>	-	<b>No Trace</b>	-
Hyphal Fragment	-	-	-
Insect Fragment	-	-	-
Pollen	-	-	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 600x	-	0	-
Analyt. Sensitivity 300x	-	0*	-
Skin Fragments (1-4)	-	-	-
Fibrous Particulate (1-4)	-	-	-
Background (1-5)	-	-	-

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Microbiology Test Codes			
M001 Air-O-Cell	M174 MoldSnap	M012 Pseudomonas aeruginosa (P/A***)	M115 Sewage Screen - Water (P/A***)
M030 Micro 5	M032 Allergenco-D	M024 Pseudomonas aeruginosa (MFT*)	M116 Sewage Screen - Water (MPN**)
M041 Fungal Direct Examination		M015 Heterotrophic Plate Count	M117 Sewage Screen - Swab (P/A***)
M169 Pollen ID & Enumeration		M017 Total Coliform & E. coli (Colilert P/A***)	M013 Sewage Screen - Swab (MFT*)
M280 Dust Characterization Level-1		M018 Total Coliform & E. coli (MFT*)	M133 Methicillin-resistant Staph. aureus (MRSA)
M281 Dust Characterization Level-2		M114 Total Coliform & E. coli Enumeration (Colilert MPN**)	M031 Rapid-growing non-TB Mycobacteria Detection & Enumeration
M005 Viable Fungi- Air Samples (Genus ID & Count)		M019 Fecal Coliform (MFT*)	M014 Endotoxin Analysis
M006 Viable Fungi- Air Samples (Includes Penicillium, Aspergillus, Cladosporium, Stachybotrys Species ID & Count)		M020 Fecal Streptococcus (MFT*)	M044 Group Allergen (Cat, Dog, Cockroach, Dust Mite)
M007 Culturable fungi - Surface Samples (Genus ID & Count)		M029 Enterococci (MFT*)	Other See Analytical Price Guide
M008 Culturable fungi - Surface Samples (Includes Penicillium, Aspergillus, Cladosporium, Stachybotrys Species ID & Count)		M129 Enterococci (Enterolert P/A***)	Legionella Analysis Please use EMSL Legionella COC
M009 Bacteria Culture Gram Stain & Count		M180 Real Time qPCR-ERMI 36 Panel	
M010 Bacteria Count & ID - 3 Most Prominent		M025 Sewage Screen -Water (MFT*)	
M011 Bacteria Count & ID - 5 Most Prominent			

\*MFT= Membrane Filtration Technique  
\*\*MPN= Most Probable Number  
\*\*\*P/A= Presence/Absence

Name of Sampler: **Shenal Dias** Signature of Sampler:

Sample #	Sample Location/Description	Sample Type	Potable/NonPotable (Only for Waters)	Test Code	Volume/Area	Date/Time Collected	Temperature (°C) (Lab Use Only)
Example A1	Kitchen Sink/Tap	Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	M017	100 mL	9/1/13 4:00 PM	
S1	Main Entrance	Air	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	M001	75ml	12/11/20	
S2	Infront of CR 24	"	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	"	"	"	
S3	Between CR 4 and 9	"	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	"	"	"	
S4	Between CR 107 and 104	"	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	"	"	"	
S5	Infront of CR 20	"	<input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> NP	"	"	"	

Client Sample # (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of Samples: **07** Samples Received Chilled? (Lab Use Only) Yes / No

Relinquished (Client): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Received (Lab): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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