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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The district school opening today presented a number of challenges for the administrative team, teachers and students at Monroe Township Middle School. The excessive heat and humidity as well as sporadic performance of the air conditioning systems contributed to our district decision to move toward four hour sessions today and Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our district will return to regular school hours on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>. JCP&L has reported fluctuating power available to the middle school and is working on the issue. Mrs. Chanley and her staff did an outstanding job welcoming students, organizing classes and adapting to the temperature issues. Overall, the students and teachers had a very productive school day under the circumstances.

The fluctuating power, excessive heat and humidity yesterday created a suspicion of mold in our Richard Marasco Auditorium (PAC) that was reported by staff to the school administration. Dr. Richard Lynch, of Environmental Safety Management Corporation, performed extensive tests and inspection. The results indicated evidence of mold within the seating fabric and other items. Please know that auditorium is a separate addition with its own HVAC system. Dr. Lynch recommended the PAC remain off limits to students and staff to allow for extensive professional cleaning and remediation. The professional remediation contractor will clean the affected areas under Dr. Lynch's supervision. The administrative team will be relocating Band and Chorus temporarily to allow for the remediation of the PAC facility. **Please know that at no time were any students in the auditorium today.** The space will not be occupied by students and staff until the remediation is complete and Dr. Lynch has cleared the area for occupancy determined by post remediation testing.

Sincerely,

Robert Goodall

Acting Superintendent

Cc: Mrs. Chari Chanley, Principal MTMS