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Gaithersburg Middle School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members,


I am writing to inform you about recent testing for radon in your school. As a part of our environmental safety program, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) periodically tests for radon levels in our schools. The most recent test results from the MCPS Indoor Air Quality Unit indicate that one or more rooms tested had radon levels at or slightly above the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended action limit of 4.0 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L). Our radon test results can be found on the MCPS Radon Testing and Mitigation Program web page at:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/facilities/maintenance/default.aspx?id=458858>.

As a result, a radon mitigation professional will design and install mitigation measures that will reduce the radon levels. We expect that the mitigation plan will be developed within the next two months and that mitigation systems will be installed as soon as possible—no later than the end of summer 2018. After the mitigation measures have been completed, additional testing will be conducted to confirm that levels are below the EPA recommended action level.

The recent test results do not indicate that there is an immediate safety hazard. Radon is a naturally occurring gas, and the levels vary depending on climatic and building conditions. The enclosed document from the MCPS Environmental Services and Indoor Air Quality Unit provides additional facts about radon testing, mitigation, and prevention. I will share any additional information as it becomes available. If you have questions about MCPS radon testing, please contact Environmental Safety and Indoor Air Quality Unit at 240-740-2520.

Sincerely,



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