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Dear Parents and Staff,

On February 25, 2025 radon testing was recently conducted at Bridgeport Public Schools.

The results of the radon testing in the Columbus School at 275 George Street are as follows:

- Two rooms out of twelve rooms that were tested showed elevated results equal to or above the US EPA Action Level of 4.0 pCi\L.

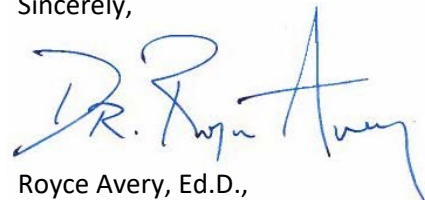
The CT Department of Public Health and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) recommended that action be taken to reduce radon in the air when the average radon level in a classroom is equal to or above 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi\L).

Because the average radon test result shows an elevated level, the school district has contacted a professional radon mitigation contractor to remediate the elevated levels. A radon reduction system is scheduled to be installed as soon as possible. Remediation typically involves the installation of a venting system that will draw radon gas from the ground beneath the building and exhaust it above the roof line where it will be quickly diluted. Adjustments may also be made to the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system to improve ventilation in the school. Room(s) #103 and #104 will be retested after the mitigation system is installed to ensure that the system is reducing radon as intended.

Because a child's exposure in a particular classroom represents a small part of their exposure over the year, there is no immediate health risk associated with exposure to the elevated radon levels found in the classrooms. Children spend 12% of their time in school over a full year, compared to more than 75% of their time spent in their home environment.

A complete report of radon testing results is available in the school's main office and will be released to individuals who request it. We are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff members. We will update you as we move through this remediation process.

Sincerely,



Royce Avery, Ed.D.,
Interim Superintendent of Schools