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## Beecher Baker Sr. Superintendent of Schools

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities." JFK

March 8, 2019

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students, Parents, and Community Members,

As many of you may know, the air quality of the Junior-Senior High School was tested on Friday, March 1, 2019, in response to rumors of unsafe air quality in the Junior-Senior High School due to the Capital Improvement Project renovations in the building.

We were pleased that the results of these tests showed no asbestos present within the ceiling plasters, ceiling tiles, or the brown glue dabs associated with the tiles and that the air sample results of airborne fiber concentration fell well below OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels.

As an added safety measure, the district requested to have PSI return to do further air testing on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, to ensure that our construction team has not been creating excessive amounts of dust in our learning environment. The results were as follows:

- No visible airborne dust or visible dust was found on horizontal surfaces, such as desks or floors within the areas of concern.
- Total airborne particulate matter results fell well below OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels.

These tests were performed by PSI Project Air Monitoring whose in-house laboratory is accredited by the New York State Department of Health Environmental Laboratory Program, ELAP. The full report, along with previous reports regarding this project can be found on our high school website: www.hlhs.hlcs.org

Please be reminded that all work being completed is being done safely and with the best interest of students and staff in mind. In this day and age of instant communication and social media, questions and concerns may have been posted prior to this letter, but understand that the district was attending to this issue promptly and was working to give the most accurate information possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 518-696-2378.

Sincerely,

Beecher Baker Sr.

Superintendent of Schools

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