



Ligonier Valley School District

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Office of the Superintendent

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Re: LVSD School Closure – Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Dear Ligonier Valley Families,

I am writing to provide an update regarding the ongoing indoor air quality testing and remediation efforts throughout the Ligonier Valley School District.

All Ligonier Valley School District schools will remain closed on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Today, SERVPRO began the additional remediation process at R.K. Mellon Elementary School. This work is being completed in consultation with our environmental professional and will be followed by appropriate post-remediation testing before any decision is made regarding the reopening of the building.

At the same time, indoor air quality testing has commenced in our other District buildings. As previously communicated, the District chose to conduct this additional testing out of an abundance of caution so that we can have reliable information regarding the condition of our facilities before students and staff return.

As testing is completed and reports become available, they will be reviewed by our environmental consultant. The District will not return students or staff to a building until our consultant has reviewed the applicable results and, based upon his professional judgment, advises the District that the building is safe and appropriate for occupancy. If additional remediation or follow-up testing is recommended, we will complete those steps before reopening.

We recognize that extending the closure creates significant disruption for our families. Changes to work schedules, childcare arrangements, transportation, and daily routines place a very real burden on our school community. We sincerely appreciate the patience, flexibility, and understanding families have demonstrated as we work through this situation. We also understand the uncertainty that comes with not yet having a definitive reopening date.

While we want our students back in their classrooms as soon as possible, we will not allow the desire to reopen quickly to take precedence over the health and safety of our students and employees. The Board of School Directors and District administration remain committed to allowing the testing, remediation, and professional review processes to determine when our

buildings are ready for students and staff to return. This is consistent with the commitment previously communicated to our community that the District will rely on testing, remediation where necessary, post-remediation verification, and the guidance of qualified environmental professionals rather than rush the reopening process.

We will continue to communicate with families and staff as additional information becomes available. We recognize how important timely information is for families trying to make arrangements, and we will provide our next update as soon as we have sufficient information from our remediation professionals, testing providers, and environmental consultant to make a responsible and informed decision regarding school operations.

On behalf of the Board of School Directors and District administration, thank you for your continued patience, understanding, and trust as we work through this process. We remain grateful to our maintenance personnel, staff, environmental professionals, testing personnel, and remediation contractors for their continued work on behalf of our students and school community.

As always, if you have questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Mols', with a stylized, flowing script.

Matthew Mols