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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, many schools throughout the U.S. constructed between the 1960's and the late 1990's had rubberized polyurethane gym floors installed to increase comfort for occupants and reduce risk of injury from falls during normal gym activities. Over the past year or so, it has become evident that many of these rubberized floors begin to emit Mercury vapor as they age.

In an effort to comply with the standards of Mercury airborne exposure levels of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health, which is a widely used secondary testing standard, Salem County Vocational Technical and Salem County Special Services School (RDS/Salem Campus) Districts, as a precautionary measure, has and is taking an extremely proactive approach to investigating the levels of Mercury in rubberized gym floors in the following schools:

- Salem County Vocational Technical School
- RDS/Salem Campus (Salem County Special Services School District)

After consulting with an independent Certified Industrial Hygienist, results from preliminary testing of our rubberized gym floors have shown that Mercury levels are below the EPA and MDH's acceptable threshold and are far below regulatory limits established for teachers by the New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (NJ PEOSA) program. In addition, no other schools in our Districts are affected by this issue.

The Salem County Vocational Technical and Salem County Special Services School Districts will take every precaution to keep our students, staff members, and stakeholders safe.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 1-856-769-0101 ext. 5301.

Respectfully,  
John R. Swain  
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