



Freehold Township Schools

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*"...preparing all students to be
responsible citizens and life
long learners."*

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children at Catena School:

As you are aware, during the previous school year mercury vapors were being released into the air in the gymnasium from the rubberized floor. The gymnasium was promptly closed while core samples of the concrete beneath the floor were collected. Once mercury was detected in the concrete, the gymnasium remained closed for the remainder of the previous school year.

This summer the district worked with an environmental consultant to supervise the mercury abatement process. After that process was successfully concluded, a new gymnasium floor was installed. Air samples were taken and wipe tests were conducted throughout the process, and results are available on the district website. I am pleased to share with you that the construction process is completed and the gymnasium will be available to staff and students for the upcoming school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns you are encouraged to contact me.

Sincerely,

Neal Dickstein
Superintendent of Schools