



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dr. Cynthia Eldridge-Principal

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Dear School Parents, Guardians, and Staff Members,

I am writing to inform you that first round testing for radon has been conducted in our school. The most recent test results from the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) unit indicates that 76 of 76 rooms and offices tested had radon levels below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommended action level of 4.0 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L). Our radon test results can be found on the [MCPS Radon Testing web page](#). However, there were a few rooms where the tests need to be repeated because the sampling kit was exposed to drafts or tampered with. These areas will be retested.

For your information, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown (decay) of uranium which is found in soil and rock all over the United States. The EPA recommends that the radon levels above 4.0 pCi/L should be retested prior to any mitigation efforts. Any results showing approximately 10 pCi/L demand a quicker mitigation response, and the radon levels near 100 pCi/L or greater recommends relocation of classrooms until the radon levels can be reduced. As previously stated, all of our rooms and offices tested so far had radon levels below the EPA action limit of 4.0 pCi/L.

Attached is a document from the MCPS IAQ unit providing facts about radon testing and whether elevated levels of radon pose a safety hazard in addition to information about our mitigation program. I will share any additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Eldridge
Principal

Attachment