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July 10, 2023

Dr. Rochelle Clark - Superintendent
Decatur Public Schools - Dennis Lab School - Kaleidoscope Campus
101 W Cerro Gordo St.
Decatur, IL 62523



Re: Illinois OSHA Complaint 2051352

Dear Superintendent Clark,

On Jul 6, 2023, Illinois OSHA received **notice of an alleged hazard(s)** at your workplace/worksite at:

520 W Wood Street
Decatur, IL 62523

The specific nature of the alleged hazard(s) is:

Hazard Description: This location has been closed. This building also has mold and asbestos present. This building had been closed off and signs placed on the door. Approximately 10 employees are present coming in and out. Dennis Lab/ The main stairs are pulling away from the wall and mold present throughout the building.

Reference:

Standard 1910.22(d):

Inspection, maintenance, and repair. The employer must ensure:

- *Walking-working surfaces are inspected, regularly and as necessary, and maintained in a safe condition;**
- *Hazardous conditions on walking-working surfaces are corrected or repaired before an employee uses the walking-working surface again. If the correction or repair cannot be made immediately, the hazard must be guarded to prevent employees from using the walking-working surface until the hazard is corrected or repaired; and**
- *When any correction or repair involves the structural integrity of the walking-working surface, a qualified person performs or supervises the correction or repair.**

Walking-working surface definition means any horizontal or vertical surface on or through which an employee walks, works, or gains access to a work area or workplace location.

We have not determined whether the hazard(s), as alleged, exists at your workplace and we do not intend to conduct an inspection at this time. We request that you immediately investigate and control any hazardous conditions. Please respond in writing no later than **July 24, 2023**, with the results of your investigation and any corrective action taken or planned as well as any supporting documentation. Please address your response to the attention of Illinois OSHA. You may also send your response electronically to DOL.Safety@illinois.gov. **Reference Illinois OSHA complaint number 2051352 in all correspondence.**

This letter is not a citation. A citation and any applicable penalties may only be issued if an inspection is conducted. Our ultimate goal is to ensure safe and healthy working conditions. **If we do not receive a satisfactory response from you by July 24, 2023, indicating that corrective action has been taken or that no hazard exists and why, an Illinois OSHA inspection may be conducted.**

If you need assistance to control the hazard(s), you may contact the Illinois On-Site Consultation Program. This program offers free and confidential advice to small and medium-sized employers in Illinois, with priority given to high-hazard industries. If appropriate, a consultant will visit your workplace and assess the validity of the complaint. In addition, you will be provided with methods of controlling the hazard, if necessary. To discuss or request their services, contact the consultation program at:

On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program
Illinois Department of Labor – Illinois OSHA
Lincoln Tower Plaza
524 South 2nd Street, Suite 400
Springfield, IL 62701
Tel: 1-800- 972-4216
Fax: 1-217-785-8776
Website: osha.illinois.gov

You are required to conspicuously post a copy of this letter where it will be readily accessible by all employees and return a copy of the signed Certificate of Posting (Attachment A) to this office. In addition, you are required to provide a copy of this letter and your response to a representative of any recognized employee union or safety committee if present at your facility. Failure to do this may result in an inspection. The complainant has been furnished a copy of this letter and will be advised of your response. Section 110 of the Illinois Occupational Safety and Health Act provides protection for employees against discrimination because of their involvement in protected safety and health activity.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact us at (217) 782-9386 or DOL.Safety@illinois.gov. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Illinois OSHA
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Attachment A

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
ILLINOIS OSHA NOTIFICATION OF ALLEGED HAZARD(S)**

Employer Name: Decatur Public Schools - Dennis Lab School - Kaleidoscope Campus

Complaint Number: 2051352

Date of Posting: _____

Date Copy Given to

Employee Representative: _____

On behalf of the employer, I certify that a copy of the complaint letter received from Illinois OSHA has been posted in a conspicuous place, where all affected employees will have notice, or near such location where the alleged violation occurred, and such notice has been given to each authorized representative of affective employees, if any. This notice was or will be posted for a minimum of ten (10) days or until any hazardous conditions found are corrected.

Signature

Title

Employer / Establishment Name