

February 7, 2014

Dear Parents,

As we continue aggressive remediation efforts at Booker T. Washington High School (BTWHS), the following corrective actions have occurred during the previous weeks.

**Actions to address mold, sewage and water intrusion**

- In the Technology Building, the environmental cleaners (EPIC) have completed the remediation work. The clearance air quality testing report revealed that all of the vinyl base trim, the cork inside bulletin boards and the sand from the rifle range will need to be replaced. The replacement of these items is currently being coordinated. We should have a definitive completion date by next week's update.
- We continue to address areas of Indoor Air Quality concern identified by school staff. In the past week, we had no new incidents reported that required cleaning.
- All sewer upgrades in the Fine Arts building are complete.
- The air-conditioning system in the Fine Arts wing has been evaluated and adjusted to factory specifications. All air-conditioning ductwork has been thoroughly cleaned. In addition, new air-conditioning vents were installed in all spaces in the Fine Arts building. Additional corrective actions are underway. These will require work on the main electrical system in the Fine Arts building. The Facilities staff is coordinating a temporary electrical power shutdown with the school principals.
- Painting on the outside of the building continues but has been delayed by cold, inclement weather. The painting is scheduled to be completed by late February 2014.
- New room signs have been installed.
- Drainage around the cafeteria outdoor plaza has been reworked to provide positive drainage to underground drains.
- Site work is complete on the north side of the technology building next to the gymnasium to control rain runoff. A new, smaller retaining wall has been installed with drains connected to the existing underground drain system.
- Additional site work to correct drainage issues at the front and side of the gym has been completed.
- Protection equipment for the base of the statue has been installed.
- Work has begun to correct drainage issues in the Fine Arts wing that originates at the front of the auditorium. The work will require digging out the front of the building to expose the underground walls of the Fine Arts wing. Those walls will be protected by a drainage barrier, and drains will be installed to move any underground moisture away from the building. The work scope has been increased to include the removal and replacement of the front stairs. Additional soils engineering has been ordered.

- Air quality testing will continue on a quarterly basis. The next testing will be in April 2014.
- Concrete sidewalk, curb and planter repairs have been completed. Gutters and downspouts have also been repaired throughout the campus.

We continue to ensure that our procedures are aligned with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ([www.epa.gov/mold/pdfs/moldremediation.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/mold/pdfs/moldremediation.pdf)) for mold detection and remediation in schools. In addition, we will continue to consult with the EPA, as well as independent, certified consultants.

APS is committed to providing safe learning and teaching environments for all students and staff at Booker T. Washington High School, and again, we will continue to keep you informed as we make progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erroll B. Davis Jr.', with a stylized, cursive script.

Erroll B. Davis Jr.  
Superintendent  
Atlanta Public Schools