

Greenwich Public Schools Hamilton Avenue Facility and Relocation Plan Update

Board of Education Meeting
March 3, 2008

Roof Leaks at HA

- There have been ongoing issues with the HA roof since the modulars were constructed
- Maintenance issues have been addressed as they occurred
- Problems with leaks in Rooms 7, 8 & 13
- Discoloration and dampness above hung ceiling in Room 7

Mold at HA

- Small amount of mold above the sheetrock ceiling in Room 7 at the roof drain
- No mold in other classroom ceilings
- Significant mold in 90% of soffits around the perimeter of the building
- All exterior walls tested to date (7) have both moisture and minor mold conditions

Testing Results

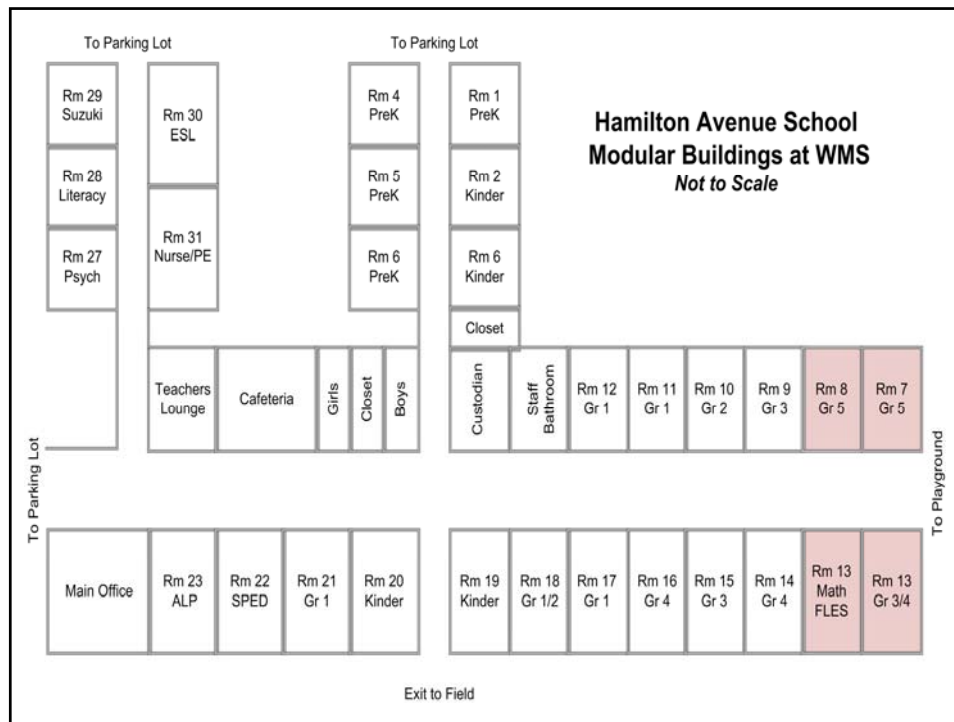
- Testing conducted on Wednesday, Feb 27 and Saturday, Mar 1 indicates no problems with mold in air
- There is no airborne hazard to students and staff
- Results of additional testing will be available on Mar 5 and Mar 10
- Continuing evaluation of mold and underlying causes

Implications for Students and Staff

- Hamilton Avenue is closed this week
- HA students will be relocated to other schools starting next Monday
- CMT will be postponed for HA students only

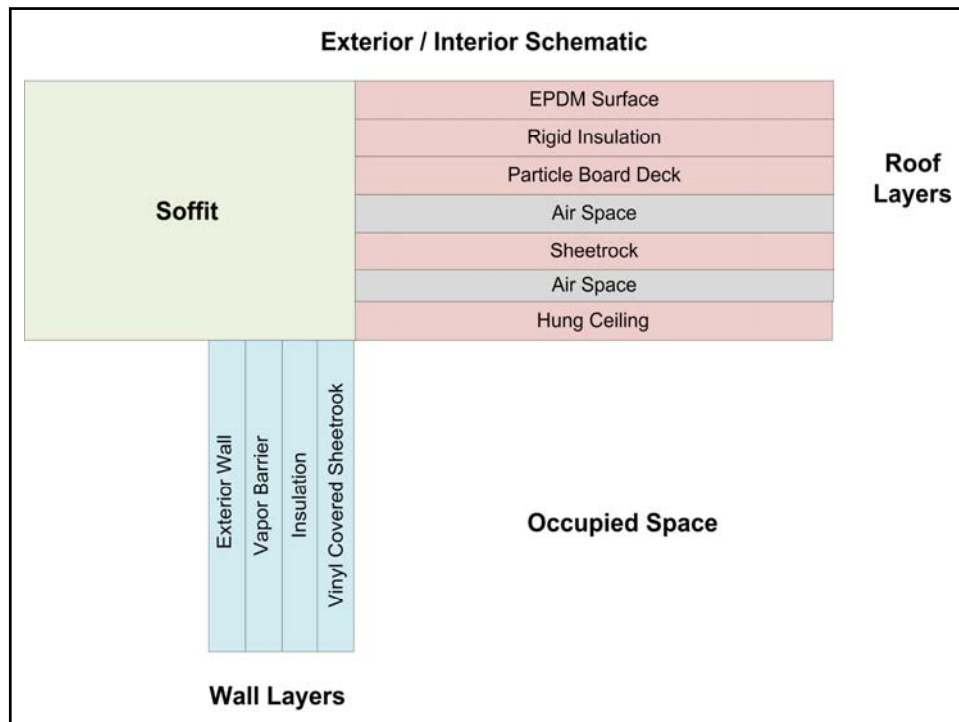
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Investigation

- On 2/27 and 2/28, consultant conducted visual inspection and took air samples
- On 2/29, invasive inspection of affected areas with environmental controls
- During the course of this invasive inspection, the consultant identified additional areas of concern with the soffits and exterior walls



Initial Findings

- The mold in the exterior walls and soffits is unrelated to the roof leaks
- The conditions identified are related to construction and design and not to maintenance
- Testing indicates no problem with mold in air
- There is no airborne hazard to students and staff
- Other than Room 7, there was no mold above the sheetrock ceiling nor was there any mold in space occupied by students and staff

Relocation Options Considered and Rejected

- Rental Space
- Commercial Space
- Split Session with another elementary school
- Send individual HA students to elementary classrooms throughout the district

Recommended Relocation Plan

Relocate HA sections by grade to other elementary schools

- All students remain with their current classroom teacher
- Grade levels together except for split classes
- Maintains current class size at HA and across the district
- Minimize time out of school for HA students

Relocation Plan by School

HA Grade	Sections	Receiving School
PreK	2	Old Greenwich
PreK	2	North Street
K	4	Glenville
Gr 1 & Gr 1/2	4	Parkway
Gr 2, 3 & Gr 3/4	5	Cos Cob
Gr 4, 5	4	Western Middle School

Relocation Planning

- Identify and prepare space in new schools
- Adjust school schedules
- Develop a transportation plan
- Move furniture
- Set up HA classrooms in new schools
- Reconfigure after school programs
- Open house at receiving Schools

Mailing with details to HA parents on Thursday

Transportation Planning

- Maintain continuity with receiving school schedules
- Maintain current schedule for HA fourth and fifth grade
- Evaluate hub vs traditional bus routes
- Accommodate transportation to the Boys/Girls Club

Impact on Glenville Project

- BOE Work Session on March 13 to consider options for Glenville relocation in 2008-2009
- Ongoing consultation with other town boards and elected officials
- BOE will select an option for the relocation of Glenville students on March 27