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Subject: Urgent C Block issue identified today

Hi

I have just closed one wing of the C-Block - 3 classrooms and 2 office spaces.

I received an urgent call from Stefan of Covekinloch - national emergency management this morning. Recent sampling of air in C-block has identified toxic mould 27 times higher than is acceptable. Stefan has sealed the room identified - but I have sealed the whole wing. s 9(2)(a) OIA

We have set up a temporary 'modern' learning environment in the hall and an English Dept office in the Seminar Room of the library.

Stefan will come back to school this afternoon with additional information and to conduct more tests. We know that other areas of C-block are worse than the current identified space, so I am predicting additional sites. This same assessor looked at the roof 2 years ago and suggests that the issues stem from the leaking roof, lack of ventilation - that has gone on for years.

I will share the MoE plan once I receive it but I can tell you now that staff are upset and frightened and have no faith in the integrity of this building. In that - I suspect they will refuse to return. I have yet to formulate comms for the community - but that will open up a whole new can of worms.

What we do if other classrooms need closed is beyond me at the moment - we have no more space. Tents on the field maybe!

I will keep you in the loop but suspect a Bot meeting with MoE officials needs to happen urgently.

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