



PARK WEST SCHOOL DIVISION

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MEMO:

To: Major Pratt School Parents and Staff
From: Tim Mendel
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Park West School Division has been investigating some concerns regarding air quality issues at Major Pratt School. You may have actually read some Facebook comments regarding this issue.

Our maintenance staff was asked to investigate. They checked the carbon monoxide monitors which were functioning normally. They did a complete site inspection which included crawl spaces, vents, and duct work. They checked with all on-site contractors to ensure compliance with workplace safety and health regulations. No problems were discovered. There was nothing to suggest that there are issues with the air quality at the school.

Last night, Manitoba Hydro was asked to conduct further carbon monoxide testing and found no traces of carbon monoxide. This testing is highly valued given their expertise in this area. While the division carbon monoxide detectors merely indicate the presence of gas, the Manitoba Hydro equipment gives actual readings regarding the level of carbon monoxide present. Manitoba Hydro representatives retested the air quality in the school this morning and found no traces of carbon monoxide.

While we are confident that we do not have an air quality issue, the division will bring in a private firm recommended by the Manitoba School Board Association to conduct further testing. The tester will be in the building on Thursday collecting samples and inspecting the site. It will take a few days to get the results back from the lab. Once we receive the results/report we will post it on our website.

Please know that student and staff safety is a top priority for Park West School Division. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at the office at 204-842-2106 or my cell at 204-847-5100.

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