

**Burns and Crest High Schools  
infested with Mold!!! Sister  
schools have mold problems in  
similar areas!! Related to  
Ventilation system design or  
maintenance deficiencies!!  
Wet conditions damage ceiling  
tiles and result in Airborne  
contamination. Problems  
appear to be covered up!!  
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Trusted sources indicate mold has become a serious condition at both Burns and Crest High Schools. One classroom at Crest has become unusable because of excessive mold and the offensive smell. Sources say that the foul conditions have been long term and purposely neglected.

One source also indicated the air conditioning drainage system condensate drain pipes are not properly insulated and "sweat." This sweating causes water to drop off onto ceiling tiles, soaking the tiles, which is an ideal environment for growing mold. Then the mold spores are picked up by the ventilation system and spread throughout the building.

Another serious problem with contaminated water droplets and

mists being picked up and circulated by ventilations system can spread an especially fatal contamination that causes Legionnaire's Disease that has killed hundreds at a time. Just 12 days ago four people died at an agricultural fair in Fletcher, NC due to Legionnaires Disease, contracted in a Hot Tub exhibit.

In this day and time, allowing serious environmental conditions that could expose thousands of children in Cleveland County schools to very serious, even deadly, health hazards would be considered unthinkable. Yet, here we are with a Cleveland County School Administration and School Board that seems to do very little except to cover-up their problems and incompetence's. One notable incompetence in this regard is the new Assistant Superintendent over HR and School Maintenance who has ZERO expertise in HR and Maintenance. Yet draws a very high salary and sees to it that those who are paid very little suffer the most.

Such as this is criminal. Exposing so many children with only the concern for covering up the problem. If you had attended the past several school board meetings you would know exactly what I mean. And, if you have tried to view the "doctored" CCS board meeting videos, you also know what I mean.

Therefore, I intend to provide this article to every School Board member, the schools superintendent, the county commissioners and the county manager in hopes that they will pass this notification of a potentially serious health hazard at Burns and Crest High Schools, in hope that they will take the appropriate action. However, since I have previously forwarded a complaint of serious mold conditions at the Social Services building across from Cleveland Community College and the County Commissioners did nothing, except to deny the problem, I will also identify and notify whatever state and federal agency is in charge of such things myself.

PS: Since I made the report about Mold at the DSS, the County

Manager and commissioners did nothing, except to say no mold was found. Perhaps they cleaned up the mold before somebody inspected the building. I don't know about that. What I do know is the Commissioners and County Manager are talking about building a new DSS building in the very near future. I say since Burns and Crest are both over 50 years old and the county demography and population distribution has changed, perhaps it is time to develop a serious strategic plan for new school construction for Cleveland County Schools. Including a new Burns and Crest with auditoriums and swimming pools.

Folks, vote AGAINST the new Sales tax increase referendum on the 2019 Elections this coming Tuesday. This crowd of School Board and Commissioners don't need another \$2 million to waste and tie up the new commissioners and school board elected in 2020 with lots more outstanding debt. Stay tuned and wise up folks. The money saved will stay in your own pockets.