

Robert A. Williams Makes Official Complaint About Health and Safety Issues, Child Abuse and Neglect. At Cleveland County Schools!!! Dangerous and widespread Levels of Mold Infestation at Burns and Crest High Schools!!! Maybe others!! Well over 1,000 Teachers and Students at Risk!! Report and complaint made and filed by Robert A. Williams

At the September 14, 2020 Cleveland County School Board meeting, Board Member Danny Blanton reported that there are significant mold infestations at Burns and Crest High Schools. Blanton had, in-hand, a sample of the Mold as well as a toxicology report. The School Board refused and denied Blanton's request and motion to make an addition to the meeting agenda to present his information to the Full Board for discussion and immediate remedial action.

I consider that this non-action by the Cleveland County School Board is a prima-facia example of Child Abuse, Child Neglect, Building Code violation, OSHA violations, as well as a

conspiracy to cover up all these criminal violations. Since over a thousand teachers, staff and students are at serious risk here; this is worthy of an official complaint to all the proper authorities.

Those proper authorities are:

- The Cleveland County Department of Social Services
- The Cleveland County Health Department,
- The Cleveland County Code Enforcement Department
- The Cleveland County Commissioners
- The Cleveland County Sheriff's Department-Sheriff Alan Norman
- The Cleveland County District Attorney Mike Miller
- The State Department of Health and Human Services
- OSHA
- The State Bureau of Investigations
- The NC Attorney General Josh Stein
- The NC Department of Public Instruction
- The NC Secretary of Public Instruction
- NC Senator Ted Alexander
- NC Representative Kelly Hastings
- NC Speaker of the House Tom Moore
- NC Governor Roy Cooper
- US Senator Thom Tillis
- US Senator Richard Burr
- US Congresswoman Virginia Foxx
- US Congressman Patrick McHenry
- Betsy DeVos, US Secretary of Education
- US Presidential Chief of Staff Mark Meadows
- US President Donald J. Trump
- The Citizens, Parents, Taxpayers and Voters in Cleveland County, North Carolina

Please note that this is an Official Complaint. Please respond accordingly.

To All the Proper Authorities listed above:

I have reason to believe there are significant MOLD infestations at the Burns and Crest High Schools in Cleveland County, North Carolina. The Cleveland County Board of Education has chosen to refuse to acknowledge this fact that is presented by one of their own Board Members.

As Mold infestations are serious contributors to respiratory infections and respiratory infection appear to be serious underlying health issues that contribute to the death rates of COVID 19 exposure. Therefore, the large population at Burns and Crest High Schools in Cleveland County, North Carolina, well over 1,000, represent a major and unnecessary health risk to those that are exposed to the Mold infestation.

Please note that I am a retired Engineer with over 40 years' experience with large HVAC and other mechanical systems. My experience is the growth of mold comes from poorly sloped condensate drain lines or poorly insulated or damaged insulation on condensate drain or chilled water lines that causes pipes to "sweat" and drip water onto ceiling tiles. This wet environment causes the growth of mold. However, the resolution-the proper installation and maintenance of anti-condensation insulation is relatively cheap but often overlooked. I have tried to tell the School Board this, but they refuse to listen. Just like they refuse to listen to one of their own Board Members. And to acknowledge that they have a mold problem to begin with.

Such behavior as this, which refuses to acknowledge that there is a problem, has degenerated from incompetence, to foolishness and now to criminal behavior.

Please do what is necessary to protect the health and safety of the 1,000+ teachers, staff and school aged children of Cleveland County North Carolina.

Thanks,

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PS: The attached or included OSHA Safety and Health Information Bulletin SHIB-10-10 (Updated 11-08-2013) Titled A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace provides most of the efforts and requirements to minimize or eliminate mold growth, and remediate area with mold infestations. Note that eliminating the source of the moisture is required or no permanent remediation is possible. The source of the moisture at Burns and Crest High Schools has already been determined. Condensate drain lines, chilled water lines and condensate drain leakage must be repaired and properly insulated. Running the HVAC system excessively only spreads mold infestation. MERV 8 or better air filters must be used and changed regularly after remediation. Replacing chillers and air handling units are probably not required. Chilled water piping and perhaps condensate drain piping need not be replaced unless they are leaking. New chilled water and condensate drain piping insulation should be examined closely by a trained and qualified person. It is likely that most to all anti-sweat condensate preventive insulation must be repaired or replaced by a trained and qualified person. Then inspected by a trained and qualified inspector. Preferably an independent inspector not working for the schools or the HVAC contractor. Final inspection and testing of the Mold remediation efforts should be done in the hot and humid summer months.

[Safety and Health Information Bulletins _ A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace _ Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)