

February 22, 2021

Prince Georges County Environmental Safety Office 13306 Old Marlboro Pike Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Attention: Mr. Alex Baylor

RE: Indoor Air Quality Screening Report

Global Project Number: 20-064 School: Thurgood Marshal Middle School

Dear Mr. Baylor,

On December 15, 2020, Global Inc.'s (GLOBAL) team of Industrial Hygienists under the supervision of Certified Industrial Hygienist, Dr. Channa Bambaradeniya, conducted an Indoor Air Quality Screening at Thurgood Marshall Middle School located at 4909 Brinkley Rd, Camp Springs, MD 20748.

#### Methodology

The IAQ evaluation included a visual assessment, sampling for non-viable mold spores in air, and measurement of comfort parameters (temperature, humidity, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide) in randomly selected representative locations within the building. GLOBAL's inspector conducted a walkthrough with Prince Georges County Public School (PGCPS) personnel present. Rooms were selected in a random manner throughout the building so as to prevent sampling bias.

During the visual assessment of representative locations, and when noted, GLOBAL documented those areas with suspected mold growth, water intrusions, and wet conditions that have the potential to lead to mold growth. GLOBAL also noted any unusual odors. At least one microbial air sample was collected for every 10,000 Square Feet (SF) of space in the building and the analytical results for the interior spaces were compared to an outdoor (ambient) sample collected on the same day.

Microbial samples (including a field blank for quality control) were delivered under strict chainof-custody procedures were to Hayes Microbial Consulting - an AIHA EMPAT-certified laboratory in Midlothian, Virginia for analysis by microscopy. The sample chain-of-custody and laboratory report is attached. Environmental Consultants and Engineers 1818 New York Avenue Suite 217 Washington, DC 20002

### Observations

The general observations in the eleven indoor locations inspected are summarized in Table 1 below:

Location	Observations
Room 125	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Room 129	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Room 120	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Room 116	No issues
Room 112	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Room 212	No issues
Room 207	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Room 218	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Library	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Dance Studio	Decolored ceiling tiles present
Cafeteria	No issues

### Table 1: Observations

### **Comfort Parameter Measurements and Mold-in-Air Sample Results**

The comfort parameter measurements and status of fungal ecology is summarized in Table 2 and Table 3.

### Temperature

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) have published recommendations for year-round acceptable temperatures in Standard 55-2016 (*Thermal Environmental Conditions for Human Occupancy*). The winter comfort range is 68 to 75°F and the summer comfort range is 73 to 79°F. It is important to note that ASHRAE standards are intended as a suggested guideline as opposed to a regulation. The indoor temperature readings in few rooms were below the ASHRAE Standard.

### Relative Humidity (RH)

Relative humidity is a key factor for mold growth. Mold has the potential of growing on suitable surfaces with humidity levels above 60%. ASHRAE standard 62.1-2013 (*Ventilation for Acceptable Indoor Air Quality*) recommends a maximum indoor relative humidity of 65% to preclude the

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likelihood of condensation on cool surfaces encouraging mold growth. All the indoor relative humidity readings were below the ASHRAE recommended level of 65%.

### Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of carbon-containing fuels. Oil, gasoline, diesel fuels, wood, coke, and coal are the major sources of CO. All registered CO concentrations were below the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 9 ppm.

### Carbon Dioxide

Under conditions of maximum occupancy, ASHRAE Standard 62.1-2013, Appendix C, infers that the acceptable carbon dioxide upper limit is the prevailing outdoor carbon dioxide concentration plus 700 parts per million (ppm). On December 9, 2020, the outdoor (ambient) carbon dioxide concentration was approximately 405 ppm so indoor concentrations should not exceed approximately 1105 ppm (700 + 405). All indoor carbon dioxide measurements were within the ASHRAE standards.

### Mold-in-Air Samples

There are no definitive regulations or standardized guidelines for addressing airborne mold in an indoor setting. If building systems (ventilation, envelope) are functioning properly, the indoor fungal ecology profile should be consistent with what is encountered outdoors and the spore concentrations should be below the ambient levels.

The analytical results of indoor air sample collected from the Cafeteria indicates elevated presence of *Aspergillus/Penicillium*. The horizontal surfaces in the cafeteria were thoroughly recleaned, and air scrubbers with HEPA filters were operated for 24-36 hours. This location was reinspected on February 15, 2021, and the analytical results of air samples collected indicated normal fungal ecology. Laboratory analytical results are attached at the end of this report.



Sample Location	Temp <sup>0</sup> F	RH%	CO ppm	CO2 ppm	Normal Fungal
Standards	ASHRAE 68 to 75°F	ASHRAE <65%	NAAQS <9	ASHRAE 1105	Ecology?
Ambient	48.6	33	0	405	-
Room 125	65.6	43	0	409	Yes
Room 129	68.0	37	0	430	Yes
Room 120	69.5	35	0	416	Yes
Room 116	73.4	34	0	426	Yes
Room 112	73.8	33	0	422	Yes
Room 212	72.0	33	0	405	Yes
Room 207	67.0	32	0	408	Yes
Room 218	68.2	34	0	416	Yes
Library	73.1	33	0	418	Yes
Dance Studio	67.7	29	0	412	Yes
Cafeteria	72.5	32	0	442	No

### Table 2: Air Quality Results (Inspected on 12/15/2020)

 Table 3: Air Quality Results (Inspected on 2/15/2021)

Sample Location Standards	Temp <sup>0</sup> F ASHRAE 68 to 75°F	RH% ASHRAE <65%	CO ppm NAAQS <9	CO2 ppm ASHRAE 1139	Normal Fungal Ecology?
Ambient	63	31	0	439	-
Cafeteria	51	42	0	444	Yes



#### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

Among the comfort parameters measured, the indoor temperature readings were lower than the ASHRAE recommended range for winter. The indoor temperature should be maintained at the ASHRAE recommended range for general comfort.

Among the indoor locations sampled for mold spores in air, the samples collected on December 15, 2020 from the cafeteria indicated elevated mold spores. This location was thoroughly recleaned and subsequently reinspected on February 15, 2021. The air sample analytical results indicated normal fungal ecology for the cafeteria.

It has been our pleasure to conduct these IAQ Screening services for the Prince Georges County Public School system. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Regards,

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### ATTACHMENT I

Air Sample Analytical Results and Chain-Of-Custody Form



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Analysis Report prepared for

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Collected: December 15, 2020 Received: December 16, 2020 Reported: December 16, 2020 We would like to thank you for trusting Hayes Microbial for your analytical needs! We received 12 samples by FedEx in good condition for this project on December 16th, 2020.

The results in this analysis pertain only to this job, collected on the stated date, and should not be used in the interpretation of any other job. This report may not be duplicated, except in full, without the written consent of Hayes Microbial Consulting, LLC..

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Sample Number	1	TMMS-1	215-01	2	TMMS-1	215-02	3	TMMS-1	215-03	4	TMMS-1	215-04		
Sample Name		Ambient			Room 125			Room 128			Room 120			
Sample Volume		75.00 liter			75.00 liter		75.00 liter			75.00 liter				
Reporting Limit		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>			13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>	3		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>				
Background		2			2			1			2			
Fragments		ND			ND			ND			ND			
Organism	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Tot		
Alternaria								oount / III						
Ascospores	14	187	58.3%	2	27	66.7%	1	13	100.0%	1	13	50.09		
spergillus Penicillium		101	00.0%		21	00.170		10	100.0%	· ·	10	00.0		
Basidiospores	3	40	12.5%	1	13	33.3%								
Bipolaris Drechslera				· · ·										
Chaetomium														
Cladosporium	7	93	29.2%											
Curvularia														
Epicoccum														
Fusarium														
Memnoniella														
Myxomycetes										1	13	50.0		
Pithomyces														
Stachybotrys														
Stemphylium														
Torula														
Ulocladium														
Total	24	320	100%	3	40	100%	1	13	100%	2	26	100		
Water Damage Indicator	r	Commo	n Allergen		Slightly Higher	than Baseline	Signi	ficantly Higher	han Baseline		Ratio Abnormal	ity		
		Collected: Dec 1	5, 2020	Rece	eived: <b>Dec 16, 2</b>	020	Reported:	Dec 16, 2020						
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Sample Number	5	TMMS-	215-05	6	TMMS-1	215-06	7	TMMS-1	215-07	8	TMMS-1	215-08		
Sample Name		Room 116			Room 112			Room 212			Room 207			
Sample Volume		75.00 liter			75.00 liter		75.00 liter 13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>			75.00 liter 13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>				
Reporting Limit		13 spores/m	3		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>	}								
Background		2			2			2			2			
Fragments		ND			ND			ND			ND			
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Organism	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Tot		
Alternaria														
Ascospores	4	53	80.0%	1	13	20.0%	2	27	66.7%	2	27	100.09		
spergillus Penicillium														
Basidiospores	1	13	20.0%				1	13	33.3%					
Bipolaris Drechslera														
Chaetomium														
Cladosporium				3	40	60.0%								
Curvularia														
Epicoccum														
Fusarium														
Memnoniella														
Myxomycetes				1	13	20.0%								
Pithomyces														
Stachybotrys														
Stemphylium														
Torula														
Ulocladium														
Total	5	66	100%	5	66	100%	3	40	100%	2	27	100		
Water Damage Indicato	r	Commo	on Allergen		Slightly Higher	than Baseline	Signi	ficantly Higher	than Baseline		Ratio Abnormal	ity		
		Collected: Dec	5, 2020	Rece	eived: Dec 16, 2	020	Reported:	Dec 16, 2020						
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Sample Number	9	TMMS-1	215-09	10	TMMS-1	215-10	11	TMMS-1		12 TMMS-1215-12			
Sample Name		Room 218			Library			Dance Studio			Cafeteria		
Sample Volume		75.00 liter			75.00 liter			75.00 liter		75.00 liter			
Reporting Limit		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>				13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>			13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>		
Background		2			2			2			2		
Fragments		ND			ND			ND			ND		
Organism	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Total	Raw Count	Count / m <sup>3</sup>	% of Tota	
Alternaria													
Ascospores	2	27	66.7%	4	53	100.0%	1	13	7.7%	2	27	11.19	
spergillus Penicillium							9	120	69.2%	16	213	88.99	
Basidiospores													
Bipolaris Drechslera													
Chaetomium													
Cladosporium	1	13	33.3%				3	40	23.1%				
Curvularia													
Epicoccum													
Fusarium													
Memnoniella													
Myxomycetes													
Pithomyces													
Stachybotrys													
Stemphylium													
Torula													
Ulocladium													
Total	3	40	100%	4	53	100%	13	173	100%	18	240	1009	
Water Damage Indicato	r	Commo	on Allergen		Slightly Higher	than Baseline	Signi	ficantly Higher 1	than Baseline		Ratio Abnormal	ity	
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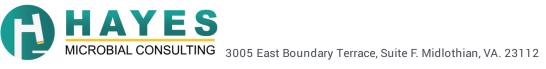
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Reporting Limit	The Reporting Limit is the lowest number of spores that can be detected based on the total volume of the sample collected and the percentage of the slide that is counted. At Hayes Microbial, 100% of the slide is read so the LOD is based solely on the total volume. Raw spore counts that exceed 500 spores will be estimated.
Blanks	Results have not been corrected for field or laboratory blanks.
Background	The Background is the amount of debris that is present in the sample. This debris consists of skin cells, dirt, dust, pollen, drywall dust and other organic and non-organic matter. As the background density increases, the likelihood of spores, especially small spores such as those of Aspergillus and Penicillium may be obscured. The background is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 and each level is determined as follows:
	<ul> <li>NBD: No background detected due to possible pump or cassette malfunction. Recollect sample. (Field Blanks will display NBD)</li> <li>1: &lt;5% of field occluded. No spores will be uncountable.</li> <li>2: 5-25% of field occluded.</li> <li>3: 25-75% of field occluded.</li> <li>4: 75-90% of field occluded.</li> <li>5: &gt;90% of field occluded. Suggested recollection of sample.</li> </ul>
Fragments	Fragments are small pieces of fungal mycelium or spores. They are not identifiable as to type and when present in very large numbers, may indicate the presence of mold amplification.
Control Comparisons	There are no national standards for the numbers of fungal spores that may be present in the indoor environment. As a general rule and guideline that is widely accepted in the indoor air quality field, the numbers and types of spores that are present in the indoor environment should not exceed those that are present outdoors at any given time. There will always be some mold spores present in "normal" indoor environments. The purpose of sampling and counting spores is to help determine whether an abnormal condition exists within the indoor environment and if it does, to help pinpoint the area of contamination. Spore counts should not be used as the sole determining factor of mold contamination. There are many factors that can cause anomalies in the comparisor of indoor and outdoor samples due to the dynamic nature of both of those environments.
Water Damage Indicator	Blue: These molds are commonly seen in conditions of prolonged water intrusion and usually indicate a problem.
Common Allergen	Green: Although all molds are potential allergens, these are the most common allergens that may be found indoors.
Slightly Higher than Baseline	Orange: The spore count is slightly higher than the outside count and may or may not indicate a source of contamination. Red: The spore count is significantly higher than the baseline count and probably indicates a source of contamination.
Significantly Higher than Baseline	
Ratio Abnormality	Violet: The types of spores found indoors should be similar to the ones that were identified in the baseline sample. Significant increases (more than 25%) in the ratio of a particular spore type may indicate the presence of abnormal levels of mold, even if the total number of spores of that type is lower in the indoor environment than it was outdoors.
Color Coding	Fungi that are present in indoor samples at levels lower than 200 per cubic meter are not color coded on the report, unless they are one of the water damage indicators.



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Washington, DC, 20002 (443) 691-0455			Organism Descriptions
Ascospores	Habitat:	A large group consisting of more than 3000 species of fungi. Common plant pathogens and outdoor nun rain. Most of the genera are indistinguishable by spore trap analysis and are combined on the report.	nbers become very high following
	Effects:	Health affects are poorly studied, but many are likely to be allergenic.	
Aspergillus Penicillium	Habitat:	The most common fungi isolated from the environment. Very common in soil and on decaying plant mate a wide variety of substrates.	rial. Are able to grow well indoors on
	Effects:	This group contains common allergens and many can cause hypersensitivity pneumonitis. They may cause opportunistic pathogens. Many species produce mycotoxins which may be associated with disease in hu production is dependent on the species, the food source, competition with other organisms, and other en	mans and other animals. Toxin
Basidiospores	Habitat:	A common group of Fungi that includes the mushrooms and bracket fungi. They are saprophytes and pla can cause structural damage to buildings.	nt pathogens. In wet conditions they
	Effects:	Common allergens and are also associated with hypersensitivity pneumonitis.	
Cladosporium	Habitat:	One of the most common genera worldwide. Found in soil and plant debris and on the leaf surfaces of live lower in the winter and often relatively high in the summer, especially in high humidity. The outdoor number and evening. Indoors, it can be found growing on textiles, wood, sheetrock, moist window sills and in HVA	pers often spike in the late afternoon
	Effects:	A common allergen, producing more than 10 allergenic antigens and a common cause of hypersensitivity	pneumonitis.
Myxomycetes	Habitat:	Found on decaying plant material and as a plant pathogen.	
	Effects:	Some allergenic properties reported, but generally pose no health concerns to humans.	





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Reporting Limit Background									
Background					75.00 liter				
		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>	1		13 spores/m <sup>3</sup>	<b>i</b>			
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3		ND			ND				
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Myxomycetes									
Pithomyces									
Stachybotrys									
Stemphylium									
Torula									
Ulocladium									
Total	7	93	100%	4	53	100%			
Water Damage Indicator		Commo	n Allergen		Slightly Higher	than Baseline	Significantly Higher than Baseline	Ratio A	Abnormality

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Fragments	Fragments are small pieces of fungal mycelium or spores. They are not identifiable as to type and when present in very large numbers, may indicate the presence of mold amplification.
Control Comparisons	There are no national standards for the numbers of fungal spores that may be present in the indoor environment. As a general rule and guideline that is widely accepted in the indoor air quality field, the numbers and types of spores that are present in the indoor environment should not exceed those that are present outdoors at any given time. There will always be some mold spores present in "normal" indoor environments. The purpose of sampling and counting spores is to help determine whether an abnormal condition exists within the indoor environment and if it does, to help pinpoint the area of contamination. Spore counts should not be used as the sole determining factor of mold contamination. There are many factors that can cause anomalies in the comparison of indoor and outdoor samples due to the dynamic nature of both of those environments.
Water Damage Indicator	Blue: These molds are commonly seen in conditions of prolonged water intrusion and usually indicate a problem.
Common Allergen	Green: Although all molds are potential allergens, these are the most common allergens that may be found indoors.
Slightly Higher than Baseline	Orange: The spore count is slightly higher than the outside count and may or may not indicate a source of contamination. Red: The spore count is significantly higher than the baseline count and probably indicates a source of contamination.
Significantly Higher than Baseline	Violet: The types of spores found indoors should be similar to the ones that were identified in the baseline sample. Significant increases (more than 25%) in
Ratio Abnormality	the ratio of a particular spore type may indicate the presence of abnormal levels of mold, even if the total number of spores of that type is lower in the indoor environment than it was outdoors.
Color Coding	Fungi that are present in indoor samples at levels lower than 200 per cubic meter are not color coded on the report, unless they are one of the water damage indicators.



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1818 New York Ave. Suite 217 Washington, DC, 20002 (443) 691-0455		4909 Brinxley Rd. Camp Springs, MD 20748	Organism Descriptions
Ascospores	Habitat:	A large group consisting of more than 3000 species of fungi. Common plant pathogens and outdoor num rain. Most of the genera are indistinguishable by spore trap analysis and are combined on the report.	bers become very high following
	Effects:	Health affects are poorly studied, but many are likely to be allergenic.	
Aspergillus Penicillium	Habitat:	The most common fungi isolated from the environment. Very common in soil and on decaying plant mater a wide variety of substrates.	rial. Are able to grow well indoors on
	Effects:	This group contains common allergens and many can cause hypersensitivity pneumonitis. They may caus opportunistic pathogens. Many species produce mycotoxins which may be associated with disease in hur production is dependent on the species, the food source, competition with other organisms, and other env	mans and other animals. Toxin
Basidiospores	Habitat:	A common group of Fungi that includes the mushrooms and bracket fungi. They are saprophytes and plar can cause structural damage to buildings.	nt pathogens. In wet conditions they
	Effects:	Common allergens and are also associated with hypersensitivity pneumonitis.	
Cladosporium	Habitat:	One of the most common genera worldwide. Found in soil and plant debris and on the leaf surfaces of livin lower in the winter and often relatively high in the summer, especially in high humidity. The outdoor numb	
	Effects:	and evening. Indoors, it can be found growing on textiles, wood, sheetrock, moist window sills and in HVA A common allergen, producing more than 10 allergenic antigens and a common cause of hypersensitivity	C supply ducts.
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Analysis Type				Analysis Description		Turnaround		Accepted Media Types			
Spore Trap		S	Identificatio	on & Enumeration of Fungal Spores			24 Hour XX	Air Ca	Air Cassettes, Impact Slides		
		S+	Spore Trap	Analysis with Dander, Fiber, and Pollen counts	*****	24 Hou	24 Hour	Air Ca	Air Cassettes, Impact Slides		
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		D+	Direct Anal	ysis with Fully Quantitative spore count			24 Hour Bio-Tape, Tape, Swab, Bulk, A		k, Agar Plate		
Culture		C1	Identificatio	on & Enumeration of Mold only			4 Day Air		Air Plate, Agar Plate, Swab, Bulk Air Plate, Agar Plate, Swab, Bulk		
		C2	Identificatio	on & Enumeration of Bacteria only							
		C3		on & Enumeration of Mold and Bacteria			7 Day		Air Plate, Agar Plate, Swab, Bulk		
C5		Coliform Screen for Sewage Bacteria			2			late, Swab, Bulk			
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