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Subject: RESPONSE TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
School Environmental Health and Safety Complaint Investigation
Name of School: Sky Valley Education Center
Location: 351 Short Columbia Street, Monroe, Washington 98272

Dear Mr. Mannix, Mr. Piplic and Ms. Rosencrans:

The Snohomish Health District (Health District) received a copy of the Corrective Action Plan from Monroe Public Schools on May 26, 2016, and an addendum on June 9, 2016 regarding the ongoing complaint investigation at Sky Valley Education Center. Since December 1, 2015, over 100 parents, teachers and children have reported illness that they associate with the building

WAC 246-366-140 states, "the existence of unsafe conditions which present a potential hazard to occupants of the school are in violation of these regulations." In an effort to comply with this requirement, as well as those outlined in Health District letters of April 25, 2016 and June 2, 2016, it is our understanding that the School District has taken a number of actions. Additionally, the School District has prepared a "Corrective Action Plan for Sky Valley Education Center" dated May 25, 2016 as well a letter (addendum) to the Health District dated June 9, 2016. As stated in these documents, the School District intends to complete all described work by August 31, 2016. The Snohomish Health District appreciates the School District's intended diligence to remediate issues at the facility.

As a condition for opening the school for use this fall for the 2016-2017 school year, the Health District is requiring satisfactory completion and acceptance by the Health District of all remediation, cleanup, repair and testing measures as outlined in the Corrective Action Plan and the later addendum.

To this end, the Snohomish Health District accepts the actions outlined in items 1-8 of the May 25 Corrective Action Plan. In particular, we expect completion of additional air testing in all the rooms that had elevated levels of PCBs as detailed in Item 6. The Health District requires that air testing from these rooms, and any other rooms that are tested for PCBs in the air due to caulk removal, confirms PCB levels are below a concentration of 100 ng/m3.

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Be advised, SHD will not approve opening the school for the 2016- 2017 school year if the concentrations of PCBs in the air are not below 100 ng/m3 in all the rooms tested. Additionally, the Health District looks forward to receipt of information regarding the PCB caulk testing as outlined in the June 9 letter (addendum).

The Snohomish Health District expects regular and continuous update/communication with the School District regarding the remediation process over the coming months prior to the August 31, 2016 completion date. Consequently, the Health District will be in contact and/or conduct site visits a minimum of every two (2) weeks to confirm the project is on track to meet the deadline. Amanda Zych will schedule these check-ins with Devlin Piplic.

I am available to answer any questions at 425.339.8781.

Sincerely,

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