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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It has come to our attention that several individuals at William Byrd High School have reported exhibiting similar unusual symptoms. Due to our concerns - and legal requirements - for protecting the privacy of the individuals involved, we cannot be more specific about the individuals or the symptoms.

We can, however, assure you that extensive medical assessments are being done for these individuals, and extensive environmental testing is being done for the William Byrd campus, to ensure the health of our people and the safety of our environment.

To that end, we are working in close cooperation with public health and medical professionals and with environmental consultants.

There is no evidence that the condition is contagious, and no evidence of any apparent public health hazard.

We understand that this situation has created some concern in the William Byrd community. We are taking every measure to identify the potential cause of these symptoms, and whether they are related to the school environment.

As more information about this situation becomes available, it will be posted on the Roanoke County Public Schools Web site at <http://www.rcs.k12.va.us>.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Community Relations Specialist Chuck Lionberger at (540) 562-3900 ext. 10262.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to resolve this problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen W. Journell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Allen Journell
Assistant Superintendent of Administration