



April 19, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of the UCC School Community,

I am writing today to follow-up on my March 30, 2017 letter to you regarding air quality tests that were conducted by Pinchin Ltd. at UCC on March 31, 2017. The tests, which were conducted throughout the building, included sampling for mould and particulate dust.

Below is a summary of the findings by Pinchin:

- Surfaces throughout the school were generally free of accumulated dust and clean at the time of the assessment. No major deficiencies were identified with respect to unusual odours, accumulated dust or lighting.
- The indoor air quality parameters for carbon monoxide, temperature, relative humidity and the TVOCs (Total Volatile Organic Compounds) were all within recommended ranges for an office environment. The airborne dust concentrations were typical of a school environment with the exception of a few temporarily elevated measurements that were likely related to sudden movement and airflow.
- Carbon dioxide measurements were within to above the recommended ranges for an office environment. It is recommended that the ventilation rates on the HVAC equipment serving the building are reviewed to ensure that the amount of outdoor air serving the building meets occupancy loading.
- Pinchin identified mould growth on the east drywall wall in the Library (Room 705). Efflorescence and flaking paint was observed on the plaster walls in Rooms 201, 501, 503 and 605. Two water stained ceiling tiles were observed in Classroom 805 and one stained ceiling tile and carpet in the Library Office (Room 707A).
- Pinchin did not identify mould growth or water damage in any of the remaining locations that were inspected.

As I expressed to you in my letter of March 30<sup>th</sup>, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board is committed to providing safe and healthy working and learning environments for our students, staff and visitors to our buildings. We will now turn our attention to addressing each one of the findings contained in the Pinchin report.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to view a full copy of the Pinchin report, please contact your principal, Mr. Ray Power, in the school office.

Sincerely,  
Dan Parr  
Director of Education