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Upon notification of the possible exposure to asbestos-containing material at North Park Montessori, the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) contacted the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for technical support. MDHHS subsequently requested support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's asbestos technical review committee. These state and federal resources aided the public health response to the situation at the school.

While a full risk assessment was not possible due to aggressive air sampling performed on February 16 & 17, MDHHS has gathered data from samples collected by MicroAir, Nova Environmental, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the agency formally known as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. MDHHS has studied these data and will be releasing their findings in a health consultation report either later this week or early next week. Please be aware that the conclusions of the MDHHS health consultation report may not precisely match the conclusions reached by the school district's consultant or the regulatory agencies. The methods and interpretations of these organizations differed somewhat based upon their varied purposes to determine either regulatory compliance or public health assessment. That report will be placed on the county's website, www.accesskent.com, once KCHD is in receipt of it.

KCHD and MDHHS will hold a meeting for parents and staff on June 4th at the Health Department located at 700 Fuller NE Grand Rapids, MI at 10:30 am and again at 6:30 pm to discuss the results of this report. These meetings will also be streamed live on KCHD's Facebook page. I encourage you to please follow KCHD's Facebook page for notice of the report's release and any updates regarding the meetings on June 4th.