

**Action Plan**  
**St. Bernard's Elementary**

**November 20, 2009**

- Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Limited was contracted to conduct an indoor air quality assessment of the school. This assessment was performed on October 20 and October 21, 2009.
- On Tuesday, November 17, 2009 the Eastern School District received the final consultant's report which includes carbon dioxide, temperature and relative humidity measurements as well as airborne mould sampling conducted throughout the school.
- While the report states that the recovery of any mould in an airborne sample does not confirm the presence of a growth site, further investigation and visual inspection is recommended in 7 classrooms to determine the possible presence of any hidden mould growth.
- The Eastern School District consulted with Pinchin LeBlanc's Industrial Hygienist on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. The consultant has suggested that the airborne mould is, in all probability, connected to the ongoing construction work at the school for the building extension. The consultant did not report any danger to the children occupying the classrooms nor was school closure recommended.
- In order to expedite the report's recommended investigation, the Eastern School District closed St. Bernard's Elementary on Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20, 2009 to immediately carry out the consultant's recommendations.
- The District is taking a three-pronged approach:
  1. **Investigate:** Under the direction of Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Limited, classrooms will be fully checked to confirm there are no wooden building materials (e.g. studs). As well, we will visually inspect inside walls and above the ceiling to look for any potential mould growth. Should any mould be found, remediation will be conducted following standard industry protocols. As the school is primarily concrete block, there are very few places for mould to grow. The investigative work should be completed by Thursday, November 19.

2. **Clean:** Professional cleaners have been contracted to conduct a thorough cleaning of the ventilation system and ductwork. This work began on Thursday, November 19 and will be finished by Friday, November 20. Cleaners will also be at the school to carry out a detailed cleaning of all areas of the school.
  
  3. **Test:** Once all cleaning has been completed, Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Services will conduct clearance testing of the school. It is anticipated the testing will be carried out on Sunday, November 22, 2009.
- Results of the clearance tests will be available sometime on Tuesday, November 24. Therefore, there will be no classes on Monday, November 23 or Tuesday, November 24.
  
  - At this time the District anticipates that classes will resume on Wednesday, November 25. The school will notify all parents of this decision as soon as final clearance results have been received.
  
  - District officials met with the St. Bernard's School Council on Wednesday, November 18 and will continue to keep the council informed of progress during this process.