



Kenilworth Public Schools
Office of Buildings & Grounds

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Dear School Community:

Since our Health & Wellness Reopening Subcommittee began meeting last summer, we've kept focused on our major aim: *to provide a healthy environment for instruction while complying with the various guidelines established by the NJ Department of Education, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics.*

In a recent survey of our staff, the majority of respondents rated the level of cleanliness of our classrooms and buildings as “**very clean.**” And, we know why. We're sharing that information in this Update, along with more details about our buildings and grounds procedures as part of our commitment to keep our community healthy & well during the school day.

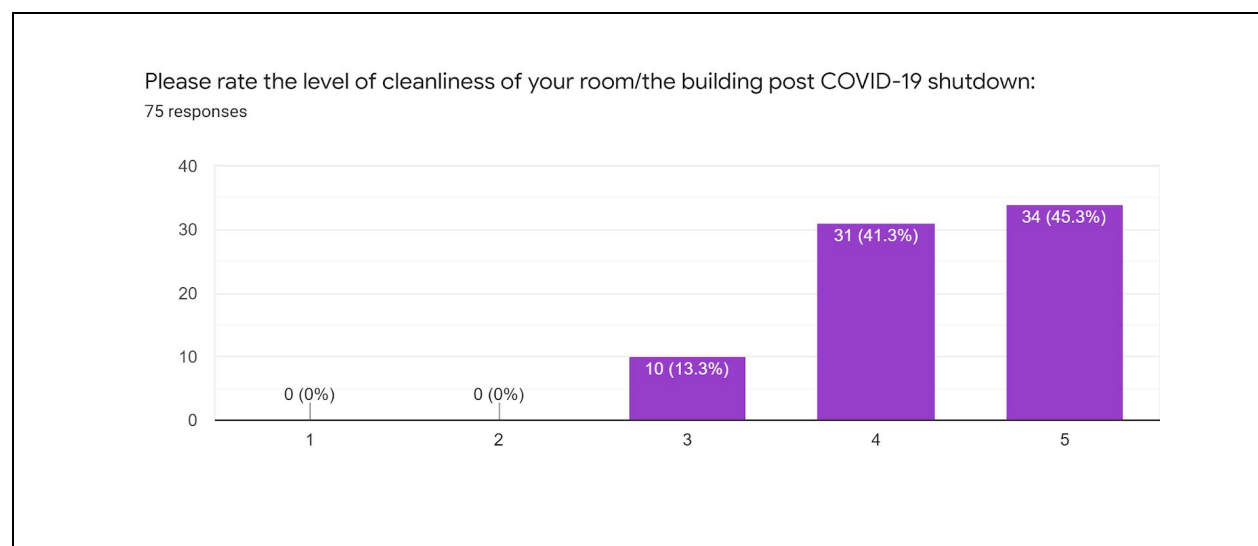
Thanks for taking the time to review this important information.

Sincerely,

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Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds



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Not Very Clean ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very Clean

Standard Operating Procedures

We're committed to the procedures we developed in the summer to mitigate the risk of COVID-19. We continue to:

- Regularly disinfect high-touch surfaces throughout the day using EPA-registered products, including Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant Solution, which has shown to kill SARS-CoV-2 in 55 seconds.
- Task our additional fleet of custodians with regular cleaning, including electrostatic disinfection.
- Closely monitor HVAC filters, and change them as needed, but at minimum, on a quarterly basis.
- Actively replenish COVID-fighting supplies such as face masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes. More specifically, we have 45,000 disinfectant wipes distributed throughout the district and another 60,000 in stock. We have 120 gallons of hand sanitizer distributed throughout the district, with an additional 150 gallons still in stock!
- Deploy transparent physical shields/barriers throughout the district, including in spaces like bathrooms, office spaces, and classrooms (if needed) to add additional layers of protection.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ADDRESS COVID-19 ARE INTENDED TO MITIGATE, NOT ELIMINATE, RISK. NO SINGLE ACTION OR SET OF ACTIONS WILL ELIMINATE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION, BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL COORDINATED INTERVENTIONS CAN GREATLY REDUCE THE RISK.

Our New Equipment in Action

We leverage new tools and innovative technology to keep our buildings clean.



- We've been added to the [growing list](#) of school systems and government agencies using [iWave](#) technology to support high, indoor air quality.
- New technology, including HEPA filtered vacuum cleaners, electrostatic disinfectant hand held sprayers and backpacks help us work towards a sterile school environment.
- [Hydroxyl air generators](#) help ensure cleanliness by killing germs and viruses.

Building & Grounds Enhancements

It's only half-way through the year and we've already invested in our buildings and grounds through multiple projects.

- Renovated several student bathrooms at Harding Elementary School including all new plumbing fixtures and touchless flush valves.
- Launched a district-wide energy savings improvement project to replace boilers and chillers with high efficiency models and energy efficient transformers. The project will also focus on select HVAC systems, complete LED conversions, and installations of solar panels.
- Completely repainted and re-coated the Brearley's main gymnasium floor and closed-out gymnasium renovation project.
- Significantly repaired tennis courts.
- Enhanced landscaping and grounds aesthetics.

