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To the **Primary** Campus Parents,

First, let me congratulate you on the beautiful behavior of your students during the circumstances that arose today at ACA Primary. The children were extremely well-behaved and the teachers were absolutely stellar. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Fambrough conducted themselves as the pros they are. A huge thank you goes to everyone involved.

A few months ago a roofing company repaired the roof at the Primary. After the recent rains, it was noted that we still had leaks. The company was asked to come back and repair the leaks. They used a sealant in the repair process. At approximately 12:45--1:00 p.m. today a very strong odor was noticed to be coming through the air conditioning units. The students were taken to the shady areas of the playground and were monitored at all times by the teachers. The Red Cross, DWG, parents and district personnel brought ice and water for all children and adults.

DWG Fire and Police departments were immediately called and were onsite monitoring the air quality levels at all times. They brought in huge ventilation fans and opened all entrances to the building to clear the air. They are continuing to do so. I left the Primary campus about 4:00 p.m. At that time, DWG officials had once again closed the school and brought in the air quality experts. The DWG team will continue working with us to monitor the air quality closely.

In an abundance of caution for the safety of the students, I have decided to close school for the Primary campus tomorrow. The air quality levels will continue to be monitored until they are stable. Because it will be early in the morning before we are assured of the safety levels, I don't want to wait until the last minute to cancel school. Thank you for understanding as I know this causes you to have to make alternate arrangements for your children.

It is my expectation of returning to normal on Friday. I will apply for a waiver through TEA for this day and will let you know as soon as I hear back. Again, I thank you for your cooperation, understanding and patience.

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