



# WEITCHPEC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## YUROK MAGNET PROGRAM

KLAMATH-TRINITY JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Jason L. Henderson, *Principal*

December 16, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the January 16<sup>th</sup> emergency board meeting held in Hoopa CA, a mold report from Asbestos Science Technologies, Inc. was shared. The report was based on recent testing and inspection by a bio-hazard consultant. This consultant's test results show that Weitchpec Elementary School has elevated levels of mold which are known to be toxigenic and can produce mycotoxins. Elevated levels were found throughout the school. These spores act as opportunistic pulmonary pathogens. The mycotoxins produced by these molds tend to be immunosuppressive.

**For the health and safety of students and staff, Weitchpec Elementary School is immediately closed until all contaminated areas are free of mold.**

Students attending WES need to make arrangements and attend a school closest to their residence. All intra-district transfers to WES are **revoked** until further notice.

Mold abatement on WES will begin on 12/19/16 and should be completed by the end of summer. Students will begin the 2017-2018 schoolyear in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom with state of the art technology and a new kitchen. Yes, I said kitchen.

This is going to be a tough transition for our little ones. Please be aware of this when discussing with children. I have outstanding teachers at JNES and OES that will fill the void during this mold abatement time. Expect a call from Cristine or give her a call at 625-5600. She will be in the Weitchpec Elementary School office today and will help you coordinate the placement of your child.

We will be holding a community informational meeting on *Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00* at the Yurok Tribal Office in Weitchpec. Please come and join us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

