

Good Evening Parents and Caring Adults,

This is Dr. Richmond contacting you about the HVAC situation at Southwest Middle School. At Southwest, it is my goal to maintain open and honest communication with all of our families.

Over the summer, the Building Services Department completed nearly 2,000 work orders district-wide to address pressing facility needs ahead of the new school year.

When an HVAC unit breaks, the district can bring in temporary equipment including fans and portable air conditioning units into facilities needed to ensure students are learning and staff are working in a healthy and safe environment.

At Southwest, there are areas of the building that are nice and cool. I have encouraged teachers of affected areas to take students to other areas for work periods throughout the day such as our Main Commons, grade level commons, etc. where the temperature is fine. Obviously, we do not have the building capacity to totally move all students of affected areas. I have, and will continue, to escalate our needs to the appropriate district-level people. GCS Maintenance and local contractors have been in and out of our building all week.

Please know that I value you, care about our kids, and will continue to give my best to Southwest. Have a good night and happy Friday eve!

Dr. Richmond