



April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To:

Mr. Diallo Rabain, Minister of Education  
Mrs. Kalmar Richards, Commissioner of Education  
Ms. Lisa Desilva, Assistant Director

The parents, teachers and students of T.N.Tatem Middle School have grave concerns about the health of our learning environment. Up to, and including today, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, teachers and students are experiencing a variety of health issues which appear to be related to occupying classrooms that may not be healthy spaces.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1982, section 7A (1) we can no longer, with a clear conscience, continue to subject our children and their teachers to entering and occupying a building that we believe is not safe and may be a risk to health. We have collectively decided that the following need to be actioned:

- All of the classrooms and meeting rooms tested for air quality and levels of mold.
- Repairs completed as per 2016 report and any new matters that have arisen since this report.
- In order for teaching and learning to continue to take place, alternate venue/s must be provided.
- Any teachers and students requiring medical testing as a result of being in the building shall have these costs covered by the Ministry.

A response is required by noon, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this critical situation.

Regards,

Albert Wilson,  
PTSA President

Dejah Denbrook  
T.N. Tatem Health and Safety Chair