

Mold at schools has Klein ISD scrambling for classrooms 📺

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Call it a school shuffle as mold found in some Klein ISD schools has the district scrambling for classrooms.



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Three days of mail were waiting for Rodney Pruitt, just getting back from vacation. Included with the mail was a letter that explained what happened to his daughter's school.

"The presence of mold was discovered in the exterior of the school building as a result of the clinical renovations approved in the 2004 bond," Pruitt read from the letter.

Black mold was discovered between the brick wall and the drywall at four of Klein ISD's elementary schools.

One of the schools is Greenwood Forest where Rodney Pruitt's 7-year-old daughter is about to start school.

Classes will not be meeting in the main building when school reopens on August 16. Instead they will be meeting in temporary buildings, which the school district is trying to lease.

"Maybe the temporary setups would be a good thing at this point, especially for those kids who have respiratory problems," Pruitt said.

Haude, North Hampton, and Greenwood Forest all reportedly have more serious problems. The district expects remediation to take three to six months on those schools.

Epps Island Elementary, though, isn't as serious. Contractors were working on that school Monday. Klein said it should be open by the first day of school.

"Those buildings are safe. The air quality in them has been deemed safe. But just as an extra precaution and to ensure distraction does not take place, the students will be housed in temporary facilities," said Liz Johnson, Klein ISD spokesperson.

Crews will be working at Epps Elementary seven days a week to make sure the campus can open in time.

All four of the elementary schools in Klein ISD with mold are about 30 years old or older. Klein ISD spokesperson Liz Johnson said construction deficiencies are likely to blame for the black mold that was just discovered.

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