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READING COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

You may have heard in recent months that bedbugs have become a concern in Hamilton County. You may also be aware that some Reading residents have had to deal with this issue. Because bedbugs are evident in our community it is reasonable to expect that they will be brought into our schools. This is indeed the case. We have had students attend school with evidence of bedbug bites. We have also found bedbugs on articles of clothing and book bags.

This letter is not intended to alarm you; it's intent is to educate you regarding the facts about bedbugs, what you can do to help prevent bedbugs in your home, and what Reading Schools is doing to address the issue.

In the literature enclosed you will find a fact sheet regarding bedbugs that was produced by the Hamilton County Public Health Department. You will also find the Hamilton County Health Department's recommended guidelines on how school districts should deal with the presence of bedbugs.

Reading Schools is following the procedures as outlined by Hamilton County. Elementary students are required to keep their coats, book bags, etc. in plastic bags in order to reduce contact with other student's belongings. We have had our facilities inspected by a pest control company. We are working with that company as well as our cleaning service to incorporate ongoing management practices.

If, after reading the enclosed literature, you have additional questions about Reading's activities, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David R. Gibson".

David R. Gibson
Assistant Superintendent