

It Takes a Village

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The leaders have spoken...sort of –

“Please be assured your concerns directed to school board members were forwarded to school personnel and we continue to take appropriate measures in order to ensure the school is clean and safe for all students. The HCS maintenance department works diligently to maintain our facilities in support of our mission.”

Thirteen days after notify the school board about the bat, and the day I contacting the Hampton Heath Department, the Health Department noted –

“This is concerning as we do not want anyone to have contact with the bat.”

The school acts on their effort to keep schools “clean and safe for all students.” Thirteen days!!! This is acting?

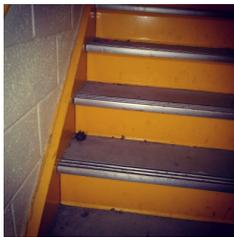
What is the GCA custodians responsible for –

Daily –

Open the building and check for maintenance issues
[AC not working for 2 years in music room. If GCA checked, and discovered the issue and reported it, then the failure to repair rests on the weak shoulders of the school district from which the burden rolls right off.]

Common Areas (Lobbies/Corridors/Stairs/Elevators)

Dust mop composition floors
Spot mop composition floors with all-purpose cleaner
Sweep underneath stairs
Burnish all composition floors (3 days per week or as needed)
[If you don't clean that area how can you expect to find the bat that the students named. It was up for school mascot to replacing the Phantom.]



Does contributing \$20,000 back to the school district purchase blinders?

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Once upon a time, in a village known as Hampton, a princess lived and attended an affluent school in the village. Children at her school could afford to eat and pay for their breakfasts and lunches. Many of the mummies stayed home rather than work so that they could walk their little prince or princess to school

every day. One day, the princess wanted to bring Monarch caterpillars to school so her first grade class could see the cycle of life - caterpillars become chrysalis and finally the beautiful butterfly.



However, this was not to be. The government protected these children. No insect was to be brought into their fortress that may bring a plague to their children. Therefore, the princess kept the creatures at her home to observe, enjoy and release once they became beautiful butterflies.

On the other side of the tracks, in the Village of Hampton, another girl attends a bigger school. Her mother thinks of her as a princess too. This school has few windows and many creatures living inside. Buses bring these children to their institution. Many children at this school have families that can't afford to feed their children breakfast and lunch every day and the village government doesn't want to help providing free breakfast and lunch to them too (though it could through the Community Eligibility Provision). So, tummies rumble.

One of the many creatures that lived in this school was a bat...possibly a plague-carrying bat. Many knew this bat. This bat died...possibly from a plague that it may be carrying. The government – Hampton School Board – was told of this one of many creatures. “Please help our children and remove this fiendish animal from our children’s school.” This was not to be. Twelve days later, this animal still lies in our children’s school un-swept stairwell. Ignored by the staff inspector and contracted workers paid to keep our schools clean.



The children at this school take this neglect in stride. Muck is throughout their school. Air conditioning is foreign to rooms – e.g. the music room for years!

The village leaders have forgotten that they have vowed to help all the children. How sad that these leaders prevent those for whom they have pledged support to falter. They must learn in huts so the princess can have her castle. It takes a village to raise all children.