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SEIU Local 73 Files All-Affected Grievance Over Mold in CCSD #130 Schools

Chicago, IL – SEIU Local 73 has filed an all-affected grievance on behalf of our maintenance unit at Cook County School District #130 concerning the mold at several school buildings.

In August, the Blue Island School Board voted to outsource all custodial positions and layoff all 31 custodial staff. Since the custodial work has been outsourced, teachers, parents, and students have reported rampant uncleanliness in the schools.

SEIU Local 73 staff and the remaining members have observed mold in the buildings and believe that the environment at the schools pose a risk to students and staff.

SEIU Local 73 filed charges with the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board and have asked for an injunction to stop what we believe is a violation of Illinois labor law. Although our new union contract was approved recently, the district has refused to recognize it for more than a month and therefore cannot move forward. We believe the state labor board should intervene and direct the district to stop.

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