



## WILLIAM PACA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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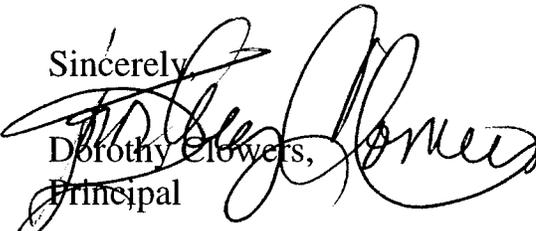
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Dear Senator Benson,

It saddens me to inform you that one of our third grade students, Zain Maab, who emigrated from Afghanistan, was bleeding from scratching both arms. When asked about his condition, he articulated that a bed bug infestation in his residence was the problem. He also shared that the staff in the Leasing Office had provided spray which had no effect. Zain added that his father had removed the mattress and bed covering to alleviate the problem. After taking these measures, the infestation remained unabated. Out of curiosity, I called his father, Mr. Husn Maab, to investigate the child's report. Immediately, Mr. Maab informed me that the bed bug problem has impacted the entire family and that mitigation factor that he and the Leasing Office implemented had no effect on the infestation. I wish to also share that I reported the situation to the school's nurse supervisor.

Maryland does not have a bedbug law for tenants. However, the implied warranty of habitability applies. It is my sincere desire that the landlord at the Maple Ridge Complex be required to put measures in place to eradicate the problem. For your information, the family resides at 2302 Brightseat Rd, Unit T1, Hyattsville, MD 20785. Mr. Husn Maab (father) can be reached at 240-516-9397.

Sincerely,

  
Dorothy Clowers,  
Principal