

Board Weekly Update on Environmental Issues: Week ending Friday, February 21, 2014

Environmental Issues:

Environmental Engineering Firm

At the January 16, 2014, Board meeting, the Board directed staff to initiate work with the environmental engineering firm Environ of Irvine and Los Angeles. A message from the Superintendent's Office was sent shortly after to inform the community of the selection.

Acting on the Board's direction, the agreement with Environ has been finalized and is process of being ratified.

An introductory conference call with District staff and Environ personnel took place on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, to begin the discussion of District and community expectations and concerns. Environ is going to be on board soon and will working in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to assist the District in training staff and implementing the best management practices (BMP) cleaning program, as well as designing and executing plans for testing indoor air quality and a contaminant abatement program.

Meeting with Los Angeles County Department of Health

On Friday, February 7, 2014, Cyrus Rangan, MD, from the Los Angeles County Department of Health (LACDH) met with faculty and staff at MHS to address specific health concerns. The meeting was open to employees only, to create a setting that allowed questions and concerns to be addressed comprehensively. The LACDH will memorialize its findings and perspectives in a document that will be made available to the greater school community. These findings and perspectives will be provided to Environ so these points are considered regarding any future testing or campus clean-up or remediation work, and as we share the information we will work to protect personal privacy.

Malibu HS vacated classrooms testing

As discussed previously, with the goal of responding to teachers and parents who wanted to return teachers and students to the vacated rooms as quickly as possible, the process of testing and BMP cleaning of the rooms began immediately at the beginning of winter break. The sequence for this process was: pre-cleaning air sample testing, followed by BMP cleaning, followed by post-cleaning verification and sample testing in order to be thorough and to build trust.

The post-cleaning verification air and wipe samples raw data had been sent to EPA Region 9 for review per the District's accepted work plan, and the District received the EPA response on January 27, 2014. The EPA reported that the air samples were well within health thresholds set by the EPA. EPA provided these preliminary findings in advance of receiving the full analytical data report from the District. The full analytical data report by the Phylmar Group was submitted to the EPA on February 20, 2014. In addition to providing the full analytical data report for the verification air and wipe samples per the EPA-accepted work plan, the full analytical report by the Phylmar Group for the additional pre-BMP and post-BMP air sampling was also submitted to the EPA on February 20, 2014. Again, all the collected air samples post-BMP were well within health thresholds set by the EPA.

California Public Records Act Requests (California Government Code Section 6250 *et seq.*)

There has been to date nine separate requests for public records concerning the District's environmental issues as authorized under the California Public Records Act ("PRA"). District staff and legal counsel are in process of reviewing these requests and providing the appropriate public documents in a timely manner. The nine requests to date are:

- Ken Miller dated October 7, 2013

- California Safe Schools dated October 20, 2013
- Ken Miller dated November 18, 2013
- Anders Sutherland (SWAPE) dated November 20, 2013
- Ken Miller dated December 23, 2013
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility dated January 14, 2014
- Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility dated January 29, 2014
- California Safe Schools dated February 5, 2014
- Dave Simpson dated February 18, 2014

The Ken Miller PRA request dated November 18, 2013, has been completed and a response sent the week ending January 24, 2014. The SWAPE request dated November 20, 2013, has been completed and a response sent on November 27, 2013. The California Safe Schools PRA request dated October 20, 2013, has been completed and a response sent on February 4, 2014. The Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility PRA request dated January 29, 2014, has been completed with responses sent on February 6 and 14, 2014. The California Safe Schools PRA request dated February 5, 2014, has been completed with a response sent on February 14, 2014. The Ken Miller PRA request dated December 23, 2013, completed response is to be sent February 21, 2014. The remaining environmental PRA requests are in process.