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Message from the Superintendent  
Santa Monica Malibu Unified School  
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## The Malibu High School Environmental Task Force Held Its Second Meeting

The Malibu Schools Environmental Task Force held its second meeting today, at Malibu High School. The testing plans, created by Mark Katchen of the Phylmar Group, were presented, reviewed, modified, and approved by the Task Force. Testing will begin by the end of next week at both Malibu High School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School. The approved testing plan will be posted to the District website and can be found at

<http://www.smmusd.org/PublicNotices/Malibu.html>. The testing plan is consistent with the Board of Education and Superintendent Sandra Lyon's direction to Mr. Katchen to conduct all necessary testing to collect reliable data that will answer questions regarding campus environmental health and safety.

The Task Force also discussed the fact that a Malibu parent group hired Paul Rosenfeld of SWAPE to advise on testing protocols. The Task Force's plan addresses recommendations from Dr. Rosenfeld. We hope the fact that two scientists, independent of each other, targeted the same areas of focus will build community confidence in the process and subsequent actions and demonstrates the District's commitment to seek the facts.

At this time, the Task Force agrees that Mr. Katchen will consult with the LA County Department of Public Health to confirm that testing plans will yield the necessary information for medical experts to provide appropriate analysis and conclusions.

The Task Force expects to review test data by November 22.