

## Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District 1651 Sixteenth Street • Santa Monica, California 90404 • 310,450,8338

Date:

May 21, 2014

To:

Jerry Block, Principal Malibu High School

Pam Herkner, Principal Cabrillo Elementary School

From:

Janece L. Maez, CFO

FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND THE MALIBU COMMUNITY REGARDING SUMMER 2014 PLANS AT MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL AND CABRILLO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We are preparing for the work that will be occurring on the Malibu High School and Cabrillo Elementary campuses in a few short weeks. We are working with both Environ and the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) determining what activities will be conducted, when they will occur and what areas of each campus will be available for our use. It is very important to the District that we allow this work to be done in a safe, efficient manner balancing the need to complete the work with the educational and recreational needs of the school and community. We also want to be certain that we communicate plans with staff, parents, students and the public so they are fully informed. We have received communication from DTSC confirming that our plans to keep portions of the campuses open for business during the summer will not interfere or be of concern to them (attached).

In general there are four primary tasks that require coordinating and scheduling to address environmental concerns of the campuses. These include: inspection and inventorying of building materials and potential PCB sources, cleaning of air ducts, custodial best management practices cleaning, post cleaning verification and sampling as necessary. A draft Comprehensive PCB - Related Building Materials Inspection, Management, and Removal Plan for SMMUSD was submitted to Region IX of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on April 25<sup>th</sup>. As we have not yet received final comments or approval from the agency the plans outlined below are subject to change.

School and community access on both campuses will be impacted. In making decisions to allow access to buildings on campuses or field areas the district consulted with experts from both Environ and DTSC. The age of buildings was taken into consideration as these plans were developed. Safety is a primary consideration at all times. To ensure that restricted areas are not entered by the staff, students, parents and community fencing and notification signage will be posted.

## Cabrillo Elementary:

1. The campus will be closed beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> with the Administration portion opening by July 28th and the balance of campus by August 11<sup>th</sup>. The playfield, blacktop, parking areas, and front field will be closed for use from June 16<sup>th</sup> until August 11<sup>th</sup>. There are no activities scheduled for indoor or outdoor areas at Cabrillo this summer.

## Malibu High School: (a map of the campus is attached)

- 1. The main academic areas (A) including: main office, library, auditorium, kitchen, 000 Blue building, 100 Mako building (ocean side), 200 Mako building, 300 Thresher building, and 400 Leopard building will be closed beginning June 14<sup>th</sup>. The main office will be opened by July 28<sup>th</sup>, the auditorium and library by August 4<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the areas by August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. District summer school will be conducted from June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup> in the following areas (B): 100 Mako building (hillside), 500 Angel building, 600 Hammerhead building and the new gymnasium. We will close these areas starting July 20<sup>th</sup> for summer cleaning. The plan is to have the new gym opened by August 4<sup>th</sup> with the balance of these areas opened on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. The old gymnasium and pool in section (C) will be closed on June 16<sup>th</sup> and the scheduled reopening date for both is July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 4. The exterior athletic and field areas, including blacktop and parking lots are subject to rolling closures as the testing activities happen. Notification will be made throughout the summer as these closures occur.

The unusual circumstances this year require that the staff at both schools help us in preparation for summer activities. It is going to take everyone pitching in to provide the safest, cleanest environment we can. There will be a significant number of individuals working inside and outside of the buildings on both campuses. These include district employees, contractors we hire to conduct the duct cleaning and staff from both Environ and DTSC. So that they will be able to complete all of the tasks this summer we are asking that the following be done to prepare.

- 1. All personal items should be removed from classrooms
- 2. To the extent possible all items on the walls should be removed
- 3. All horizontal surfaces should be cleared
- 4. All pets or animals in classrooms should be removed for safe keeping
- 5. After checking with the district Technology Department, computers and other technology should be unplugged
- 6. All refrigerators should be cleaned, defrosted and turned off
- 7. Book cases should not be covered with fabric or paper
- 8. All student work should be properly stored for safe keeping
- 9. The condition of rooms should be uncluttered

Please do the best you can as we understand that this is a lot to ask. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Work with your principal if you have questions.

I am asking that the principals at both sites communicate this information to their staff and parent community as soon as possible and let me know if there are questions.

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## Department of Toxic Substances Control

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May 14, 2014



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SANTA MORNO. LÍALIBU USD SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S SOIL INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE

Dear Ms. Lyon:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) plans to oversee the soil and soil-gas investigation at the Malibu High/Middle and Cabrillo Elementary School (School) campus during the summer of 2014. The investigation will be conducted in accordance with a DTSC approved Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Workplan and site-specific Health and Safety Plan. Prior to, and during implementation of the investigation, DTSC will routinely coordinate the work schedule activities with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (District) and their consultant ENVIRON.

The intent of this letter is to provide clarification of a statement I made at the District's Special Board of Education Meeting on May 7, 2014. I mistakenly stated that the investigation would be conducted during the summer when no students were present at the School campus. Based on further discussions with the District, DTSC understands that the School's class schedules and athletic programs will be modified this summer to accommodate the investigation.

DTSC, the District and ENVIRON will jointly develop a rotating schedule of areas at the School campus proposed for investigation. Temporary fencing will be constructed and warning signs posted to restrict staff, students and the public from obtaining access to these areas during the investigation. DTSC will work jointly with the District and ENVIRON to ensure the investigation is conducted in a safe and secured environment.

Prior to the initiation of the investigation, DTSC will distribute a Start Work Notice Fact Sheet to notify the community of the pending activities. DTSC will also post routine

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updates of the School investigation on our EnviroStor website: <a href="http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\_report.asp?globalid=19820092">http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\_report.asp?globalid=19820092</a>

Thank you for providing DTSC the opportunity to clarify the proposed plans for implementation of the investigation this summer. If you have any questions regarding the investigation, please contact Maria Gillette, Senior Environmental Scientist, DTSC Schools Evaluation and Brownfields Cleanup Program at (714) 484-5377, or by email at <a href="Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov">Maria.Gillette@dtsc.ca.gov</a>

Sincerely,

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**Branch Chief** 

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