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Dear Parents and Staff of Peters Elementary School:

Dr. Peter Licata
Superintendent of Schools

In accordance with Florida Statutes and at the direction of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), The School Board of Broward County (School Board), to remain transparent to all stakeholders, is notifying the staff and parents or guardians of children of the presence of pollutants in the soil on the Peters Elementary property.

Contamination was initially discovered in February 1992 near a former underground fuel oil storage tank located in the northwest portion of the site. Confirmation sampling conducted in April 2009 detected soil contamination above cleanup target levels but did not detect groundwater contamination above cleanup target levels. Additional assessments conducted between 2017 and 2023 identified contaminated soil from the surface down to four feet. Between June and August 2023, soil removal was conducted onsite to remove the top two feet of soil in the identified area. These areas were subsequently covered with two feet of clean fill, grass, or mulch. The remaining areas not included in the soil removal activities are covered by sidewalks, buildings, or asphalt.

The following table lists the specific pollutants found during assessments of the site and includes the location and the levels of the specific pollutants remaining on site. Applicable cleanup target levels, which the FDEP uses as a guide for cleaning up chemicals at waste sites, are also listed for each detected pollutant. The site has received a provisional No Further Action with Conditions Approval from Broward County pending the submittal of a recorded Declaration of Restrictive Covenant for the property.

Contaminant	Location (Medium)	Level Detected	Cleanup Target Level	Reason for Cleanup Target Level
		Soil in mg/kg	Soil in mg/kg	
Benzo(a)Pyrene	Soil (below 2 feet)	6.2	0.1	Residential Direct Exposure
Benzo(a)Pyrene Equivalent	Soil (below 2 feet)	9.9	0.1	Residential Direct Exposure

To assist you in understanding this information and to answer any questions, the FDEP has established a toll-free information line where you may leave a recorded message and receive a call back within one business day. If you have questions concerning the cleanup of this site, please call the FDEP toll-free number at 1-866-282-0787.

Please be assured the safety and health of our students and staff is of the utmost concern and the School Board will continue to ensure that all appropriate measures are taken as we move forward with this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the Environmental Health & Safety Department at 754-321-4200.

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