



# North Stonington Public Schools

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Dear North Stonington families and staff,

I am providing you with an update on the elementary school environmental concerns.

First, North Stonington Elementary School opened on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and much credit needs to be given to the NSES faculty and staff as it was an extremely smooth opening and week. The children and teachers were happy to be back to school. We thank everyone for their patience.

Since the last public meeting, the district and Eagle Environmental have been in contact with DEEP and the EPA a number of times. We continue to work with DEEP and the EPA as we are advised on the most appropriate steps to take. Eagle has provided to DEEP and the EPA summaries of the rooms that have been in question or retested over the past three weeks.

As you know, this summer fencing was placed on two areas of the building. The areas of concern do not extend more than 4 feet from the building. While the levels were much lower in other exterior areas, especially on asphalt areas, it is felt to be prudent to place fencing in those other areas. Where the new fencing will be placed, the readings were only detected outside the building within two feet from the windowsills. In an overabundance of caution, the fence will extend 10 feet out from the building as we did in the other areas.

We have leased a container for storage for the equipment that was removed from the rooms that have been closed. That furniture was professionally cleaned and may be used as needed at any time until the building project is completed. The container was placed down by the bussing dispatch area.

We will now be posting the latest test results on our website and continue to post results as they become available. Please note the following test results have been appropriately reviewed and were released to me this morning:

TABLE I - Includes the Library (060), Music Room (049), and Room 209 (070) which are now closed. Room 211 (071) was the psychologist's office and will now become the office for special education. Where the special education office was located, Room 217, it will now become the library.

TABLE II - This table includes the entire wipe testing results. As you will see from this table, most every area tested Non-Detected (ND). There were a couple of areas that recorded higher than the "Reporting Limit"; once professionally cleaned, those areas' reporting limits are now ND. Also note that the

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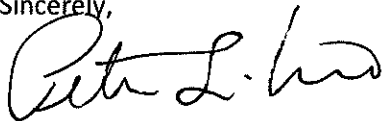
number to the extreme right "AROCLOR" is not a testing result. It has been described as the manufacturer, Monsanto's, PCB product number.

TABLE 3 - Some of the items on this table will be included in our management plan for ongoing maintenance and cleaning. That plan will be submitted to DEEP and the EPA for approval. Please note that all the area carpets have been removed and properly disposed. All filters noted have been replaced and periodic replacement will be included in our management plan. All the items at the bottom of the table have either been addressed or are being addressed. Room 108 has a partial carpet and that will be removed. The front entrance carpet squares have been removed and replaced.

There is a separate table which is not numbered. Please note that the first testing was conducted early in the month of August and in many cases prior to the usual intense summer cleaning. Note that after the entire building was thoroughly cleaned and in almost every subsequent test except in one instance, when retested again on August 25<sup>th</sup> or August 31<sup>st</sup>, the results are ND.

As noted previously, all future testing will be posted on our website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter L. Nero". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter L. Nero  
Superintendent of Schools