

School Board of Brevard County

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Desmond K. Blackburn, Ph.D., Superintendent



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Dear Parents, Guardians, Faculty, and Staff of Clearlake Educational Center:

I am writing to inform you that diesel fuel contamination was discovered on the campus in 1992 when hydrocarbon odors were detected in water from one of the school's two irrigation wells which were then taken out of service. At that time the source was assumed to involve the school heating oil tank located on the northeast side of the school property. This contamination was determined eligible for State-funded cleanup under the Abandoned Tank Restoration Program in 1993 (Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection: FDEP). Contamination assessment activities were performed from 1992 to 1994 which indicated that the source of contamination was an active gas station located adjacent to the northeast corner of the school property at 1235 Clearlake Road. That facility had previously reported contamination that was determined eligible for State-funded cleanup under the Early Detection Incentive Program in 1990. The school's diesel fuel tank was removed in 1997. Confirmation sampling was performed in December 2008 that found no soil contamination. However, groundwater contamination is still present on the school property above cleanup target levels. Both sites are currently awaiting priority funding to complete site rehabilitation. The risk of exposure is considered to be low because there is no soil contamination on the school property, the irrigation wells are out of service, and the school and surrounding area are on a municipal water supply.

All Clearlake Educational Center parents, guardians, faculty, and staff shall be reminded of this site condition each year until the subsurface diesel fuel contamination is removed (per annual notification requirements established by FDEP).

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Powers (District Environmental Health & Safety Office: 633-3602 x13074) with any related questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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