

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 Hoover Middle School:

I am writing to inform you that diesel fuel contamination was discovered in 1995 during removal of an underground heating oil storage tank located on the north side of the school adjacent to the mechanical room. Initial contamination assessment and natural attenuation monitoring were performed from 1996 to 1999. An additional assessment conducted in 2006 confirmed that the groundwater in the affected area remained in excess of the State Target Cleanup Levels. The Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office worked with the District to complete a revised assessment and develop a site rehabilitation plan. In 2011 the District contracted with a professional engineering firm (HSA, Inc.) who performed a *direct-injection bioremediation project* and significantly reduced the level of petroleum contamination. Since 2012, the District has been performing post-remediation groundwater monitoring of existing sample wells as approved by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The risk of exposure is considered to be low because the impacted groundwater is not accessible (below grade) and the school and surrounding area are on a public water supply.

All Hoover Middle School 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: 633-3580 x13074) with any related questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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