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Dear Parents and Guardians of Students; Faculty and Staff:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is a state agency that oversees the cleanup of sites throughout Florida. The FDEP is responsible for notifying School Boards throughout the state when any contamination is discovered at school property. School Boards which receive such notice are further required to notify all Faculty, staff, parents, and guardians of students attending the school.

In 2009/2010 school year, the FDEP notified the Hillsborough County School Board regarding the identification of soil and/or groundwater contamination at several school locations. This letter is to fill the annual requirement of notification for the identified locations. In addition, the School Board also decided to voluntarily expand their notification process beyond FDEP requirements to include other school locations based upon a review of available information regarding historical as well as more recent soil and groundwater testing results.

DUE TO THE LOW POTENTIAL FOR EXPOSURE, THE SOIL AND/OR GROUNDWATER CONSTITITUENT CONCENTRATIONS IDENTIFIED AT THESE LOCATIONS DO NOT POSE A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK. THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS, STAFF AND VISITORS.

A listing of the schools identified for which the School Board has/is providing notification at this time is as follows.

Brandon High School Buchanan Middle School Just Elementary School

Kenly Elementary School Leto High School Lockhart Elementary School

Mann Middle School Marshall Middle School MacFarlane Park Magnet

McLane Middle School Mendenhall Elementary Morgan Woods Elementary

Oak Park Elementary School Pinecrest Elementary School Pizzo K-8 School

Plant City High School Plant High School Robinson Elementary School

Town & Country Elementary Wilson Middle School Young Middle Magnet

Additional relevant information for each school is available in the Principal’s office. You are invited to review this information at your convenience. Additionally, to assist you in understanding this information and to answer questions, the FDEP and the Florida Department of Health (DOH) have established two toll free information lines. DOH number 1-877-798-2772 and FDEP number 1-866-282-0787.

School Board of Hillsborough County