

Chronology of Events Related to the PCBs in Lexington (Source: Department of Public Facilities)

- September 6, 2009 Boston Globe writes about PCB contaminated caulk in schools. The same day parents asked Dr. Ash, via email, what is the status of Lexington schools and PCB's. Pat Goddard and Paul Ash agree that DPF will investigate caulk for schools and determine if they contain PCB's.
- September 25, 2009 EPA issues press release on PCB's in caulk.
- Town hires Universal Environmental Company (UEC) to conduct testing of the caulk at school buildings to see if PCBs are present,
- Results presented at January Board of Health meeting. Pat Goddard issues test results for PCB's in caulk and testing of the air based on OSHA 15 minute air standard. At Board meeting all agree that the 15 minute OSHA air test is not appropriate for schools, an 8 hour test is required for required accuracy.
- Gerry Cody consults with state Department of Public Health on PCB results. March 19, 2010 MA DPH recommends retesting with higher accuracy tests.
- During Town Meeting discussions, the need to a perform maintenance on Clarke, Estabrook, and Town Office Building caulk is discussed. At the time, the intent is to remove loose caulk and encapsulate old caulk with a new layer of caulk. The Clarke project, continued from 2009, involves replacing windows, replacing panels, and replacing a soffit in addition to caulk maintenance.
- May 10, Board of Health issues a press release on existing conditions and planned second round of air testing over the summer.
- June 7, Gerry Cody and Pat Goddard meet with representatives of Environmental Health & Engineering (EH&E), a consulting firm, for follow-up testing with improved accuracy, based on state recommendations. Completing testing in time for any abatement work to be completed over the summer is a priority.
- Building envelope project awarded to Thompson Waterproofing for Clarke School to include work on caulk there.
- July, EH&E testing confirms PCB's in caulk at Clarke, Estabrook, and the Town Office Building. A plan to sample the air in those buildings is approved.
- August 9, EH&E reports Estabrook has air results above EPA screening numbers, Clarke and Town office Building are below. Meetings take place at Estabrook to develop action plan for submission to EPA.
- August 11, Pat Goddard contacts Thompson Waterproofing, LVI Services, and ACME Weatherproofing for proposals to complete scope of work.
- August 16, plan submitted to EPA. The urgency of impending school opening is emphasized.
- August 17 EPA gives verbal approval.
- August 18, town contacts the state for an Emergency Waiver of procurement process, which would have cause a significant delay, so the work can proceed expeditiously.
- August 19, EH&E samples Estabrook caulk for asbestos, test is positive for traces of asbestos.
- August 20, revised scope of work issued for asbestos and PCB's.

- DEP issues waiver for asbestos 10 day public notification-of-impending-work waiting period.
- Monday August 23, Appropriation Committee meets in Emergency session and approves \$150,000 transfer from reserve fund to DPF operations to cover PCB/asbestos remediation.
- Tuesday August 24, contract signed for remediation by LVI Services and they mobilize. LVI develops two shift operation to complete work before school starts...
- Wednesday August 25, fifth grade rooms complete, caulk containing PCBS is removed. Air samples taken.
- Thursday August 26, kindergarten wing complete. Caulk containing PCBS is removed. Air samples taken.
- Friday August 26, interior work complete and majority of PCB caulk removed on remainder of exterior. Friday, August 26, air samples from 5th grade classrooms again exceed threshold, little difference from before remediation.
- Normal ventilation systems run over the weekend. Testing results received Monday August 30 and Tuesday August 31 finds levels largely unchanged.
- Aug 31. School opens. Superintendent Ash notifies staff, parents.
- September 2. Meeting with parents at Cary Hall to discuss PCBs at Estabrook
- September 3. Estabrook School closed for one day, in order to accelerate the process for bringing fresh air into the building and testing other materials as a possible source of PCBs.