



**Lexington Public Schools**  
*Office of the Superintendent of Schools*

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**To:** Estabrook Parents and Guardians

**From:** Paul B. Ash, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

**Re:** Update on Estabrook School Environmental Concerns

**Date:** October 5, 2010

Last night, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee met with the EH and E consultant, Dr. MacIntosh, to talk about the contractor's recent work and to discuss next steps. During this past week, the contractor covered all ceiling tiles in rooms 1 through 6 with a polyethylene sheet and then tested the air to determine if the ceiling tiles are a major or minor source of PCBs. We should receive these results by mid-week. In addition, the contractor encapsulated nearly 100% of all caulk in rooms 1 through 6. Dr. MacIntosh expects the additional encapsulation will further reduce PCB levels. By the end of the week, we expect to receive this second set of test results confirming whether or not the additional encapsulation lowered the PCB levels.

While we are waiting for additional test results, the Advisory Committee members and I agree that all students will remain in their current classrooms during the week of October 11. Please note that school will be held for all students, all week, excluding Columbus Day on October 11, 2010.

The next meeting of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. If we have received test data by that time, I will send you an update on Thursday, October 7.

During the past month, the PCB levels have been significantly reduced. I remain committed to working with the community and the consultant to take all steps needed to bring PCB levels below EPA guidelines.