

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff and Parents/Guardians of Students Attending Poinciana Elementary School

FROM: Doug Pryor, Director of Construction and Distribution Services

DATE: September 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Renovation of Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium

This notification is being made as Monroe County School Board continues the renovation of Tommy Roberts Memorial Stadium (TRMS). TRMS and Poinciana Elementary School (POI) are built on the site of a former landfill. During the construction of the school, engineering controls were put in place including a passive vapor barrier mitigation system and capping of the fields with clean soil. Since its construction, soil sampling and air monitoring have been conducted as required as the school board works with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) toward regulatory closure of the site. FDEP considers the TRMS/POI property one site, thus regulatory closure cannot be accomplished until the engineering controls that will be installed on the TRMS portion of the property as part of the renovation project are completed.

Pursuant to Florida Statute 376, the State of Florida requires that the school board notify teachers and parents/guardians of children attending a school when contamination is contained on a school property. (re: Section 376.30702(3), Florida Statutes). The low levels of contaminants found are believed to be from the landfill material. There is very little risk of exposure due to the engineering controls that were put in place during construction of the new school.

The site is currently awaiting completion of TRMS renovation to complete the total site rehabilitation. As mandated by FDEP, the following table must be provided to teachers and parents/guardians of children attending Poinciana Elementary School.

Contaminant	Location (Medium)	Level Detected	Applicable Cleanup Target Level	Reason for Cleanup Target Level
		Water in µg/L Soil in mg/kg	Water in µg/L Soil in mg/kg	
Barium	Groundwater	3,500	2,000	Health
Iron	Groundwater	3,000	300	Taste & Odor
Lead	Groundwater	880	15	Health
Ammonia	Groundwater	3200	2,800	Health
Arsenic	Soil	67	2.1	Health
Barium	Soil	2,000	120	Health
Iron	Soil	320,000	53,000	Health
Lead	Soil	5,600	400	Health
Benzo(a)pyrene Toxicity Equivalents	Soil	1.2	0.1	Health

This notice will be updated as appropriate throughout the course TRMS renovation. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Doug Pryor at [Doug.Pryor@KeysSchools.com](mailto:Doug.Pryor@KeysSchools.com) or (305) 293-1400 ext. 53465.