

Gary, Teachers at Malibu High School are extremely concerned about the health and safety of our work environment. Teachers who have worked or continue to work in Buildings E, F (Music and Drama), I (Visual Arts) and the Theater over the past five years, believe that our work environment is the probable cause of many/all of the following medical conditions:

1. THREE teachers have been diagnosed with and treated for Stage 1 Thyroid Cancer within the last six months
2. THREE teachers have been and continue to be treated for Thyroid problems over the last four years
3. SEVEN teachers have suffered from and continue to be treated medically for migraines over the last five years. One teacher moved out of the building and teaches in a different part of campus. Her migraines are now greatly reduced.
4. ONE teacher has suffered from and been medically treated for skin rashes over the last four years. The only time her rashes disappeared completely is when she stopped working at MHS over summer break.
5. ONE teacher has suffered from and been medically treated for unexplainable hair loss.
6. ONE teacher has had major medical issues as a result of mold intake.
7. ONE teacher is on daily steroid medication and asthma inhalers during the school year but she can limit her dosage during the summers.
8. ONE teacher is on daily epileptic medication for headaches and has been for over three years.
9. ONE teacher suffers respiratory problems due to lack of ventilation in ceramics room and use of cancer-causing clay
10. ONE teacher was diagnosed and treated for bladder cancer as a possible result of air born chemicals two years ago

These teachers believe their health has been adversely effected as a result of working in our particular buildings at Malibu High School. The alarming number of teachers being diagnosed with the same type of cancer, along with the other conditions teachers continue to suffer with, prompt us to make the following request. ALL teachers listed at the bottom of this letter request that EACH of our classrooms and the theater be tested for contaminants.

In particular, we ALL request that EACH of our classrooms and the theater be tested for:

1. water quality

2. air quality/vents
3. level of radioactivity
4. level of radioactive iodine
5. EMF emission
6. soil testing OUTSIDE of our buildings
7. soil testing UNDER our buildings
8. rat urine and feces remains
9. mold and other carpet contaminants
10. asbestos
11. any other testing that may help determine the cause of our health problems

In addition, we would all like to see:

1. the soil report from the middle school quad that was completed approximately three years ago.
2. the most recent report that was completed on September 27, 2013.
3. all future reports and have them explained to us.
4. a timeline of approximate dates for when testing will be done and reports generated.

The following teachers are in agreement and request the testing listed above for their work environments. We would EACH also like to view the reports upon completion. The teachers requesting testing and to view the reports are:

Brigette Leonard, E Building, Room 1, Choir Room, Theater

Ari Jacobs, E Building, Room 2

Julie Jones, E Building, Room 3

Maureen Rosen and Wendy Cary, E Building, Room 4

Katy Lapajne, E Building, Room 5

Melisa Sabo, E Building, Room 6

Julia Cheri Hoos, E Building, Room 7

Alison McKenzie, E Building, Room 8

Wendy Cary, Room 9

Kimberly Quin-Meyer, E Building, Room 10

Lynne Flowers, E Building, Room 14

Amy Loch, F Building, Room 301 and Theater

Maia Zander, F Building, Room 303 and Theater

Bill Bixler, F Building, Room 302 and Theater

Jodi Plaia, Theater and Choir Room

Joellen McNaughton, F Building and Theater

Carla Bowman-Smith, I Building, Room 402

Thor Evensen, I Building, Room 505

Thomas Hacker, I Building, Room 401

Lisa Lambert, PE, Room 6 and Theater

Finally, we are aware that Vicky is returning to MHS this Friday, Oct. 4, 2013 to continue previously planned testing. Will she be conducting this additional testing? If not, who will be and when? Sincerely, Katy Lapajne Malibu High School 8th Grade Language Arts