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Subject: RESPONSE - ALS Environmental Group PCB and Dioxins Testing Results January 2019
School Environmental Health and Safety Complaint Investigation
Name of School: Sky Valley Education Center
Location: 351 Short Columbia Street, Monroe, Washington 98272

Dear Mr. Mannix, Mr. Piplic, and Ms. Rosencrans:

The Snohomish Health District received a copy of an Analytic Report from the ALS Environmental Group on March 7, 2019, regarding PCB and dioxin/furan testing done at Sky Valley Education Center in January 2019.

The Snohomish Health District contacted the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) for interpretation and consultation of the results received.

While it appears some samples did contain PCBs and dioxins, there are limitations to the information received making the results inconclusive.

1. Normal documentation to provide context for a school sampling effort are missing.
2. Samples were taken where it appears students have no access.
3. The dust samples are not comparable to the EPA guidelines for air and wipe samples.
4. The sampling protocol is not detailed in the results received. (i.e. Were wipes samples done according to the protocol in 40 CFR 761? Were all the samples taken included in the report?)

It is our recommendation to continue with thorough regular cleaning and deep-cleaning during breaks, according to School District policy, and ensure that the HVAC systems in classrooms are functioning and maintaining good air ventilation. It may be prudent to consult with the previous school contractor to determine if additional and/or future samples are warranted. Our office is more

than willing to work with Monroe Public Schools to confirm that any results are applicable to existing guidelines.

Please reference attached email for detailed recommendations from DOH.

I am available to answer any questions at 425.339.8781.

Sincerely,

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Snohomish Health District Administrator

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