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- SUPERINTENDENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE -

Summary of Meeting held on Monday Evening, November 26, 2018

7:00 - 9:30 pm @ OFRS Library

SUMMARY

- **Review, Discussion, and Finalization of DRAFT Meeting Summary (11.12.18)** - There were no suggested changes to the summary DRAFT (the summary will be posted to the Superintendent's Environmental Task Force "Quick Link" located on the left side of the District homepage). In addition, Chris Cooke-Gibbs (Township Health Officer), Matt Murello (Township Committee) and Bruce Wolf (Industrial Hygienist - Garden State Environmental) were welcomed and introduced.
- **Discussion of Environmental Contaminants - Mr. Bruce Wolf, Garden State Environmental** - Mr. Wolf reviewed a list of environmental contaminants that could negatively impact a home or building. The contaminants were outlined in five general categories: Asbestos; Indoor Air Quality; Lead Paint; Potable Water; Pesticides; and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). He spoke about why such, if present, would be a concern; when such tests should be performed; and the type of test for each contaminant (see attached chart). Mr. Wolf will populate the chart with the information shared for the Task Force's review and future reference. In addition, Mr. Wolf will provide the District with a proposal for the development of a preventative plan in support of healthy indoor environments and, also, the coordination of comprehensive environmental assessments.

Liz George provided the Task Force with an update regarding the coordination of radon testing across all schools. The District has secured a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for radon testing and is coordinating that effort in accordance with grant guidelines (target date is December).

- **Subsequent Meeting Date** - The Task Force will meet on Monday evening, December 3rd at 7pm (@ Old Farmers Road School). Mr. Gregory Somjen, Architect, will attend and share recommendations with the Task Force. At the close of the meeting there was discussion of potential funding sources in anticipation of the architect's forthcoming infrastructure recommendations. Fund-raising, the local school budget, possible grant opportunities, and a referendum were among the sources mentioned.