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Dear Parents and Colleagues:

I am delighted to report that our additional environmental testing has confirmed that there is no radiation on our school grounds above normal background levels.

In response to concerns that our athletics complex might have been contaminated by radioactive medical waste the V.A. disposed of years ago, the school retained an expert environmental firm, Environ International Corporation, to conduct further tests at the school. Environ first obtained twenty surface soil samples from our athletics complex. Because there will be extensive excavation at the Aquatics Center site, Environ also obtained soil samples in that area by drilling down to native soil, below all fill. Finally, Environ obtained additional soil samples by drilling to approximately thirty feet in areas where V.A. records showed that solid (although not radioactive) waste had been buried under our complex. A specialty lab tested all the soil samples, and Environ's experts analyzed the lab data and concluded that the data revealed no evidence of tritium or carbon-14 and no evidence of any other radioactivity above normal background levels. The school then retained another respected environmental firm, URS Corporation, to conduct an independent peer review of Environ's work. URS has confirmed the sufficiency of Environ's testing and the validity of Environ's conclusions.

You may recall that earlier media reports of radioactive waste under our athletics fields cited a draft PricewaterhouseCoopers report. It is now apparent that the report was incorrect. PricewaterhouseCoopers has publicly renounced responsibility for the report, and the V.A. has confirmed publicly that the report was wrong to the extent it indicated that radioactive materials ever were buried under the school's athletics complex. The Environ experts reviewed the V.A.'s historical records and confirmed that the records contain no evidence that radioactive materials ever were buried under land the school is now using.

In sum, we are aware of no evidence that radioactive materials ever were buried under our athletics complex, and our experts' independently validated testing has confirmed that the facilities present no health risk from radiation. I invite you to review a summary of Environ's report, Environ's full report, including test data, and the URS report, all of which are now available on the school's Web site. A third firm is in the process of validating the laboratory data, and its written report will be available soon. Parents will receive a copy of this letter by regular mail, and hard copies of the experts' reports will be available for review in both school libraries.

I appreciate the community's support and patience throughout this process.

Very truly yours,

Michael D. Pratt, Ph.D.