

Public School 174
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Proposed School Expansion Plan – Environmental Testing

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The New York City Department of Education is providing this letter to let you know about our efforts to closely monitor and address environmental quality in NYC school buildings.

Earlier this year, environmental testing was performed at the P.S. 174 campus in connection with a proposed addition to the school. Laboratory analyses of soil vapor samples found volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that are above the guidance levels set by the New York State Department of Health Air Guideline Values. The detected VOCs in soil vapor are attributed to off-site activities unrelated to the existing school.

Based on these findings, a soil vapor barrier will be integrated into the new building addition. All soil excavated during construction will be properly handled and disposed of, and topsoil will be placed over exposed soil in all landscaped areas. Additionally, standard construction practices will include dust control measures and the work area will be fenced and restricted to construction personnel only.

We have posted these test results under ‘Reports – Facilities’ on the DOE website at:
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/schools/Q174>

As the DOE continues to address environmental quality in NYC schools, we will keep the public school community updated regarding our progress.

Sincerely,

Principal