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Dear Sky Valley Education Center Community,

We are writing to provide an update on the ongoing PCB testing at Sky Valley Education Center (SVEC).

In February, the Monroe School District received a summary report from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which documented the findings of an earlier inspection of the SVEC campus. That report showed that during the inspection, the EPA found PCBs in several exterior areas of SVEC buildings, an interior carpet fragment, and one HVAC filter at concentrations that exceeded applicable regulatory levels.

The exterior areas identified by the EPA were repaired as part of the summer maintenance and repair work that was just recently completed. The carpet fragment and the HVAC filter were removed more than a year ago. However, in an effort to determine whether there are any other sources of the PCBs remaining at the SVEC campus, our environmental consultant, Fulcrum, is currently conducting additional sampling throughout the SVEC campus. The results of this sampling will guide any further mitigation efforts at SVEC.

As a reminder, we closed the Annex building in September as a precautionary measure until air quality tests confirmed that indoor air met the EPA's acceptable criteria (explained in detail in the September communication). We recently received the results of those air quality tests, which indicate that the air quality within the Annex building meets those criteria. We will submit these air quality results to the EPA this week. Pending the EPA's review, we will then work to schedule the reopening of the Annex building for use.

We will continue to share status updates as they are available. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

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