



March 4, 2026

Dear Fort Mill Parents, Staff, and Community,

In light of the recent events at the Silfab Solar facility, the Fort Mill School Board and District Administration are issuing the following statement.

Regarding the incident that occurred the morning of Tuesday, March 3, we first extend our thanks to the first responders who arrived on scene quickly to manage the situation. While we are relieved this specific event did not pose an immediate risk to the community, our team is currently reviewing the actions of both our staff and partnering entities to identify and address areas where improvements should be made. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment, and we will continue to work tirelessly to uphold that standard.

The district has continued to engage with York County Emergency Management, Citadel EHS, and representatives from Silfab Solar to understand the facility's processes, safety systems and emergency response protocols. This incident underscores the concerns raised regarding the safe operation of this facility in our community and has clearly demonstrated the need for additional action. While the district lacks legal authority regarding the placement or permitting of commercial businesses, we are formally joining Senator Johnson, Senator Climer, Representative Martin, and Representative Terribile in their request that the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services cease all operations at the Silfab Solar facility. We have received confirmation that an investigation is underway and we believe the suspension should remain in effect until a thorough investigation of the incident and a comprehensive review of all safety protocols and response systems are completed, and any identified concerns are properly addressed. We also request that the findings of the investigation and any required actions be made public.

In conjunction with this request, the district is also supporting Representative Martin's proposed legislation. This measure would grant York County Council the necessary authority to revoke permits and halt operations, when a business is found to be out of compliance with zoning laws.

As a result of these recent events, we are calling upon those with the governing authority to address this situation and continue to partner with the district to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

Fort Mill School District