

# NEWS

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## STATEMENT MAYOR JOHN E. McCORMAC JOSEPH MASSIMINO, Ed. D., SUPERINTENDENT

The Mayor's Office and the School District Administration are aware of, and have proactively responded to, health-related concerns that have become known through social media post(s), news reports and inquiry from area residents alleging a potential connection between Colonia High School and specific health issues.

We learned about the potential health concerns through a former Woodbridge Township resident who conducted research into certain cancer diagnoses of individuals who may have had a connection to Colonia High School from approximately 1972 through 1995. In early March, the Mayor's Office reached out to Mr. Al Lupiano in order to discuss his research and data. Following the initial contact, the Mayor's Office, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Woodbridge Township School District, initiated discussions and meetings with various federal, state, county and local health and environmental agencies, to include the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), which is part of CDC, the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the Office of U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone (N.J. Sixth Congressional District), Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

We have requested that the agencies move quickly to conduct any necessary research and verification of data so we can efficiently coordinate and facilitate any actions that will assist in the evaluation of the information and implementation of any environmental impact studies.

Please know that the health and safety of our school community, and the Colonia community at-large, is paramount and we take the information shared very seriously. We will maintain contact with any/all agencies now involved in reviewing the data and investigating the issues of concern in order to keep our public informed of any findings.

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