



SMMCTA takes the health and safety of all teachers and students seriously. As you know, last year, there were concerns regarding PCB's in Malibu schools. Significant testing was conducted and our District was informed by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) that we are in alignment with national safety standards. Our schools and rooms are deemed safe for both students and staff.

Now there are additional environmental concerns about PCBs since there was illicit testing done (without authorization) at both Juan Cabrillo and Malibu High School. SMMCTA does not condone this kind of behavior for two reasons:

1. No one should be on our campuses without permission; this is for the safety of students and staff.
2. The test results are questionable because of the unscientific way in which they were conducted.

CTA staff reviewed the district reports and feels satisfied that the District is following Federal EPA standards. However, if you believe your health is compromised by your work environment they suggest you discuss it with your doctor and report it to the appropriate authorities. You have the right to hire a private attorney if you have evidence that your work environment has compromised your health. (This would be Workman's Compensation, so CTA attorneys would not be applicable).

The district continues to communicate with us on this matter. They are following the recommendations from Environ, the district's environmental contractor. They have recommended the continued use of Best Management Practices (BMPS) for cleaning to continue to ensure that classrooms continue to remain below USEPA health protective thresholds.

Cleaning is big area of concern, as we need to make sure BMP methodology is being followed in all classrooms and workspaces by properly trained staff. We realize in the past this was not done consistently in all classrooms and some classrooms were marked cleaned when they were not.

To respond to these concerns, our negotiating team will be meeting in December to discuss how cleaning went this summer and what improvements need to be made to meet our mutual interests to have consistent cleaning standards that will result in clean schools.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Braff