

**TOWN OF GREENWICH  
GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Greenwich, CT**

**Western Middle School Fields Update**

Environmental Consultants Authorized to Begin Next Step in Testing Fields

For Immediate Release: Greenwich, CT - Thursday, October 6, 2016: Greenwich Public Administration has authorized Langan, the Town's environmental consultant, to initiate the next phase of testing the Western Middle School (WMS) fields. The first step is to delineate the sampling areas that have been identified for cleanup, to determine the extent of the constituents found in each area.

Langan is now preparing two delineation soil sampling work plans. The first work plan was presented to the Connecticut Department of Health (CT-DPH) for review and concurrence on September 30. The second work plan will be presented to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT-DEEP) this week for review and concurrence.

Langan anticipates the approval of the lead and chlordane work plan by CT-DPH this week and will begin sampling immediately thereafter. The results of the lead and chlordane delineation testing are expected to be available the week of October 11. Once the extent of the constituents in this area have been identified, GPS administration and Town officials in consultation with Langan and CT-DPH will discuss the possible re-opening of some portion of the WMS fields, fencing off the areas targeted for cleanup.

The PCB work plan will be reviewed by CT-DEEP over the next several weeks. Once Langan receives concurrence from CT-DEEP on the delineation work plan, they will test the sampling areas identified with elevated PCBs. Langan anticipates work plan approval, soil sampling, and test results by the end of October. At that time, GPS administration and Town officials will consult on re-opening additional areas of the fields, fencing off the areas targeted for PCB cleanup.

**PLEASE NOTE: The timeline presented herein is contingent on a "best case" scenario and is dependent on weather conditions, the extent of constituents found in the delineation, timeframe for agency review and concurrence, etc.**

If the timeline above is achieved, then Langan anticipates preparing and sending a delineation report and remediation plan by early November to CT-DEEP and CT-DPH for review and concurrence. At that point, District administration will work with Langan to identify anticipated project costs, and with the Board of Education and the Board of Estimate and Taxation on securing an interim appropriation to begin the cleanup.

If the "best case" scenario holds, then remediation funding could be secured and the clean up work could begin as early as February 2017, weather permitting.

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A Community Forum on Western Middle School Fields was held on Tuesday, September 27. The meeting video and presentation given by the environmental consultants have been posted to [www.greenwickschools.org/wmsfields](http://www.greenwickschools.org/wmsfields)

**About Langan:** [www.langan.com](http://www.langan.com)

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