

January 14, 2022

Dear Crawford W. Long Middle School Family,

I want to make you aware of an issue concerning some of the outer areas of our campus.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued an order to a company called TAV Holdings, Inc., which is located on Empire Boulevard, south of our school. TAV Holdings processes various solid wastes, such as automobile shredder residue, aluminum shredder residue, and waste electrical equipment, and attempts to recover various metals from those materials. The EPA order requires TAV Holdings to take immediate steps to prevent residue from those materials from harming the environment near our campus, including the creek that runs behind our school building and spills into the South River.

The Atlanta Public Schools environmental team is working with EPA to address this issue:

- Areas that may be impacted by the waste materials will be tested thoroughly by EPA during the week of January 17, 2022. Those areas include:
 - Infield and outfield of our softball diamond
 - Grounds outside of the media center
 - Wooded area near our outdoor garden
 - Along the bed of the creek behind our school
- Initial test results are expected by the end of January and will be shared with APS.
- Official test results should be available by the end of February 2022.
- The EPA will share its final report with the community during a virtual community meeting at the end of February.
- In the meantime, out of an abundance of caution, we are suspending all activities in those potentially impacted areas of our campus, and will post signs informing students, employees and community members to stay clear of these areas; until further notice.

Included with this letter is a fact sheet from the EPA with more details on this issue. Also, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. The safety and well-being of our students, staff and community will remain a top priority for Long Middle School and Atlanta Public Schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lisa Hill