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Dear Oswego City School District families and communities,

I am writing to provide an update and remain transparent regarding the ongoing construction for the capital project to transform and upgrade instructional spaces and facilities that is ongoing in our district.

As part of the construction project, the district needed to create a stormwater management floodplain to comply with permits approved by the city of Oswego. While constructing this floodplain, visibly stained soils were discovered in the area along Hillside Avenue known as the former Wilber Field, and the discovery has led to further investigation, remediation discussions and plans.

Our Board has worked closely with administrators, the construction team, legal counsel and consultants to minimize the cost of remediation and, above all, to prioritize the health and safety of the community. The impacted area has been secured, plans have been carefully considered and the Oswego City School District is working to receive the necessary approvals. Any resulting work will be completed as required by law, including awarding the work to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Our communities and families can help in our efforts and we ask for its assistance in supervising your children and avoiding the area. Additionally, please communicate to your families the importance of obeying signage and structures erected to keep individuals out.

The remediation process will bring questions to the Board of Education from our community. In the spirit of transparency, the Board has published a Frequently Asked Questions document via its website, available at the following link: [Oswego.org/CapitalProject](http://Oswego.org/CapitalProject). Further updates will be posted to the OCSD website as they become available.

Should you have additional questions after reviewing what has been published, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to the Superintendent's Office.

Sincerely,

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*Superintendent of Schools*