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## **State Agencies To Provide Information on Environmental Testing at 690 St. Paul Street**

### *Building Serves as Temporary Home for Rochester Schools*

Information on environmental testing conducted at the Rochester City School District's leased property at 690 St. Paul Street will be presented to the public and the Rochester Board of Education on **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.** at the district's central office, **131 West Broad Street**, in the third-floor conference room.

The presentation will be given by representatives from the **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Department of Health (DOH)**.

The building at 690 St. Paul Street is used by the school district to house schools on a temporary basis. In 2008-09, the building housed **Audubon School No. 33**, which was located there while its home at 500 Webster Avenue underwent renovations. In 2009-10, the building will house **Chester Dewey School No. 14** (grades 2-6) during its multi-year phase out, and the **Dr. Walter Cooper Academy**, a new Expeditionary Learning school that is being launched this year with grades K-2.

Environmental testing has been conducted at the property on an ongoing basis since August 2008. **Test results have consistently shown that the property is safe for occupancy by students and staff.** That information was shared during the school year with parents and staff of School No. 33, School No. 14, and the Dr. Walter Cooper Academy by the district and representatives from the State DEC and DOH through letters and meetings. Copies of letters sent to parents are available at [www.rcsdk12.org](http://www.rcsdk12.org).

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