

## School Board Answers to Questions Raised at April 14, 2010 PIP Meeting

*1. Can the School Board convene an assembly at the high school to explain everything [what's going on at the site] to the students?*

As an alternative to convening an assembly, Dr. Mary Louise Francis, the Superintendent, will work with school staff to get the word out to students as to what's going on at the site via the school newsletter and other available means.

*2. Can the School Board guarantee everyone will be informed of activities related to the clean-up work, including testing and remediation activities and public meeting?*

New Bedford Public Schools will support the dissemination of information regarding activities related to the clean-up work, including testing and remediation activities and public meetings through its regular newsletters, as well as via the New Bedford Public Schools website. Use of our call alert system is a possibility, as well.

*3. Were the I-alerts (reverse 911 system) done only in English?*

Currently the i-Alert system messages are provided only in English at some of our schools. In others, however, the messages are provided in three languages. We are currently working towards messages being provided only in the language listed in our student information system as being the primary language spoken at home. That is projected for implementation by next school year.

*4. What is being taught to students who live in or near the site about how to be safe? Are students being informed of ongoing activities regarding the Parker Street Waste Site?*

Information will be provided to students who live in or near the site about how to be safe. Dr. Francis will work with New Bedford Public Schools staff in the dissemination of that information, in addition to details pertaining to ongoing activities regarding the Parker Street Waste Site.