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# Can the state ease parents' fears?

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able to leave the meeting knowing whether the school is safe for their children and what type of further investigation is warranted.

The school was built in 1978 on a site that had been polluted by 150 years of heavy industrial use. At least 40 students have developed cancer since the school opened in fall 1979.

State officials plan to present the results of air, water and soil tests, an analysis of health risks and a cancer case review study at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school's auditorium, 777 S. Main St.

Officials say they will present as much information as they have available. The meeting, however, will not conclude the investigation, said

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**What:** The Elmira City School District will sponsor a public meeting on the results of the state's investigation of cancer cases at Southside High School. After the presentations, members of the public will be invited to ask questions or make comments.

**When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday.

**Where:** Southside High School auditorium, 777 S. Main St., Elmira.

**Editorial/10A**

**Wednesday meeting to release test results at school.**

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Residents might not get all the answers they're seeking when state and local health officials meet Wednesday to discuss cancer rates and Southside High School.

But Craig Slater, an environmental attorney hired by the city, said parents should be

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