

CONCERN SOUTHSID

Official assurances don't ease fears

Community voices

"I don't want them to fudge on this. I would like to see a full-blown investigation as to all the chemicals on this property. Blank history is all I want from them. You're dealing with our kids. You're dealing with our heritage."

John Kish of Hampton Road, 66, who was the vice-principal when Southside High School was built.

"They're taking this situation too calmly. If these high numbers started in 1997, why are we just now discussing it?"

Holly Decker, 18, a senior at EHS.

"One of my friends at EFA was recently diagnosed with cancer, and my history teacher's son that goes to Southside has it. We don't want to know what they're going to do. We want to know what they're doing now. We can look up information about cancer in a book—we want to know what's going on locally."

Angie Striving, 33, a senior at EHS.

"My son is a freshman at Southside, and has diabetes, which makes him more susceptible to other illnesses. My concern that they really haven't addressed is: Is there more to this contamination than just the fact that I'm also concerned about the community development of this area. Are they going to check cancer rates among the families around here?"

Laura McHenry, 33, an elementary teacher.

"The fact that this all came together is encouraging. But there will be no fact answers. People can at least be assured that it's not the drinking water and indoor air samples are clean."

Deborah Parks, 44, a nurse's aide at Southside.

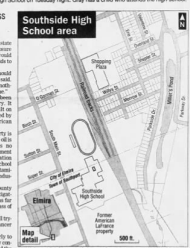


Laura Gray of Elmira voices her concerns about Southside High School on Tuesday night. Gray has a 4-year-old who attends the high school.

400 to 500 attend public meeting to discuss cancer fears at Southside High School area

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What key players said



"First we need to determine how many kids have cancer and how we can determine if it's a large number or not."



"You have to look at the number of cancer cases over time, and over time you'll see that it's a large number or not."




"The source of the oil contamination is probably from underground storage tanks that could have been there 40 to 50 years. We don't know what they were taken out of."

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