

ELMIRA**Southside to hear students' fears**

Southside High School will host a meeting Thursday at 3 p.m. for students with concerns about environmental contamination near the school. A panel of environmental and health experts will be available to answer questions.

At a public meeting Tuesday night, state health officials said a preliminary investigation of seemingly high cancer rates at the school at 777 S. Main St. showed the facility is not a health hazard to students and faculty members. Thirteen current and former students have developed cancer since 1997.

The school, which opened in fall 1979, was built on former industrial property. The soil under the school is contaminated with fuel oil, and is being cleaned up. More soil tests will start Monday.

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