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March 31, 2023: Soil Management Update

Soil Storage Piles. The Park City School District (PCSD) seeks to provide additional context regarding the storage soil piles located behind Treasure Mountain Junior High (TMJH). The storage soil piles have been used to store soils excavated from McPolin Elementary School (MPES). The soil piles are capped with clean soil and are being managed under Best Management Practices (BMP).

Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In connection with the construction that began at MPES last summer, it was recognized that while Park City Municipal had regulatory responsibility over management of soils at MPES, the DEQ also had regulatory responsibility for management of soils located at TMJH. PCSD reached out and sought DEQ's guidance on the steps that would need to be taken to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. DEQ inspected the soil piles in September 2022 and subsequently instructed PCSD to develop a plan for the management of the soil piles in accordance with DEQ's requirements.

Soil Management Plan. PCSD has been working cooperatively with DEQ to develop a plan for management of the capped soil piles and their ultimate disposition. PCSD retained an experienced environmental consulting firm who has prepared and submitted to DEQ a draft Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP), which DEQ has reviewed and provided comments. These comments are being reviewed by PCSD's environment consultant.

Safety prioritized. For the safety of students, employees, the community, and the environment, PCSD and our construction partners follow required Best Management Practices (BMP) in the handling and storage of contaminated soils so prevalent in our community.

Willing compliance. PCSD and its consultant continue to work openly and closely with DEQ to develop the soil management plan and ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. We have provided DEQ materials and history related to the storage piles and submitted the mandated samples and handling plans as directed. The DEQ has identified regulations that PCSD must address to be in compliance. At present, PCSD awaits DEQ's determination about the continued storage or removal of the soil piles.