

Former Love Canal Students Plan Meeting

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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (WKBW) Many former students who attended the 93rd Street School in the Love Canal area of Niagara Falls say they are suffering severe illnesses due to chemical exposures as children.

"We use to play with this black goo and write in it. No one thought twice about it," says Joan Howes.



Like many of her fellow classmates, Joan has dealt with ovarian problems: having one ovary removed due to a strangulating cyst.

"I would like to see more testing done to find out the effects that this had on the children that went to that school," add Howes.

The 93rd Street School was one of two elementary schools located inside the Love Canal Emergency Declaration Area.

It was closed in the late 1970's and torn down several years later.

A recent effort by Laura Racine to contact former students through a Facebook page has seen a big response, especially since her story aired on Eyewitness News.

"It is overwhelming because it is so shocking. I mean every day, I have somebody new on-board that feels like they were affected by this," comments Racine.

On Tuesday August 21st, a community meeting will be held at the Evening Star Concert Hall at 8810 Niagara Falls Boulevard in Niagara Falls.

Anyone who feels they are suffering from health problems due to exposure from Love Canal chemicals is invited to attend.

The meeting will begin at 7:30pm