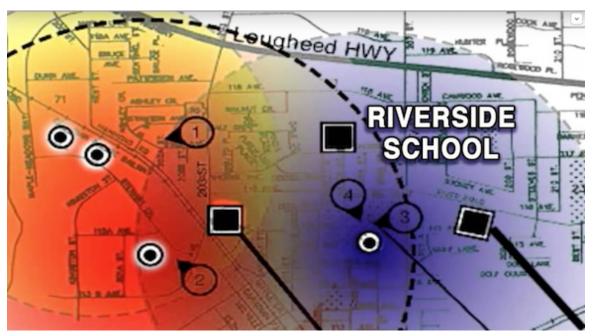
CANCER CLUSTER IN MAPLE RIDGE BC

School Cancer Cluster - 10 Teachers near 3 cell towers

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Cancer cluster hits school

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MAPLE RIDGE – The B.C. Cancer Agency will study a **cluster of cancer diagnoses** — **10 teachers** over several years — at Riverside elementary in the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows school district."We think that's a fairly high number compared to the general population," said district teachers' union president Drusilla Wilson.

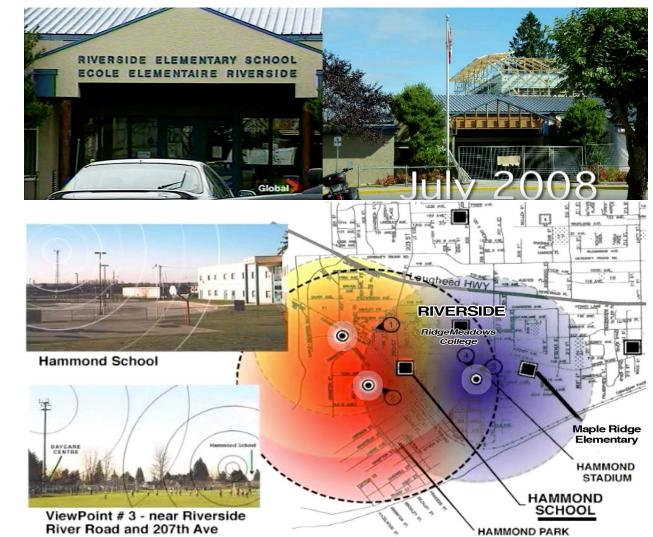
The school board's occupational health and safety officer, Judy Dueck, said a "whole bunch of variables" need to be looked at to determine whether this is a cancer cluster or just a coincidence.

"We're prepared to carry through because the anxiety levels are high," Dueck said. The study will be led by the B.C. Cancer Agency, and Dueck is starting to collect data for it, starting with a staff survey at Riverside.

The latest cancer victim from Riverside died on Jan. 2 of brain cancer. However, all her colleagues who have been diagnosed have recovered. The cancer types have ranged from **breast cancer, throat and larynx cancer, to leukemia**, according to Wilson.

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Hammond Tower, one of the Three near the Riverside Cancer Cluster, is beside a **DAYCARE**.

Riverside School was renovated, removing insulation and renovation on the roof.

They decided to close the school. It reopened as a College for adults.

Video from *Global News* can be viewed at <u>emrabc.ca</u> search : Cancer Cluster or direct URL : http://emrabc.ca/?page_id=10887

