

# managing risk with responsibility

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TO: Dr. Sharon Moffitt, Principal

**Atlantic West Elementary School** 

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Risk Management Department

SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment

Portable 509C

On April 19, 2007 I conducted an assessment of Portable 509C at **Atlantic West Elementary School**. This evaluation included observations of the flooring system, ceiling tiles, false ceiling plenum, environmental surfaces, interior and exterior walls, and the accessible ventilation equipment. The detailed findings, along with the recommended corrective action can be found on the attached IAQ Assessment Worksheets.

The IAQ assessment did identify one or more existing conditions impacting IAQ and has generated appropriate work orders to correct deficiencies in systems and maintenance that could contribute to decreased indoor air quality. At the time of the assessment, these concerns were not an immediate health or safety concern to building occupants. However, due to individual sensitivities and predisposing health factors, it is possible that some building occupants may elicit a health response to agents and / or conditions identified during the evaluation. Therefore, to further improve IAQ, prevent development of future IAQ-related problems, and to reduce the potential for IAQ-related complaints by building occupants, the IAQ Assessment Team recommends appropriate follow up of each item identified and listed in the attached evaluation.

Should any questions arise, or if the current concerns continue after the attached recommendations have been addressed, please feel free to contact me at 754-321-3200.

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Atlantic West Elementary School							Evaluation Requested April 17, 2007			
Time of Day	8:3	30 am					Evalua	ation Date	Apri	il 19, 2007
Outdoor Cond	itions	To	emperature	72.7	Relative Hu	midity [	63.1	Ambie	nt CO2	546
Fish	Tempe	rature	Range	Relative Humic	<sup>dity</sup> Range	С	:02	Ran	ge	# Occupants
P-509C	67	7.9	72 - 78	46.1	30% - 60%	7	761	Max 700	> Ambie	ent 2
Noticeable Odor Yes				Visible water Visible micr damage / staining? growth?			ial Amo	Amount of material affected		
Ceiling Type		2 x 4 La	ay In	Yes		No		Ruste	d Light G	erid .
Wall Type		Tackable		No		No		None		
Flooring		Viny	'l	No		No			None	
	(	Clean	Minor D			C	Corrective .	Action Re	quired	
Ceiling		Yes	No	No						
Walls		No	Yes	Yes	s		Clean as	appropri	ate	
Flooring		Yes	No	No						
HVAC Supply	Grills	Yes	No	No						
HVAC Return	Grills	Yes	No	No						
Ceiling at Sup Grills	ply	Yes	No	No						
Surfaces in R	oom	No	Yes	Yes	<u> </u>		Clean as	appropri	ate	

IAQ Assessment

2511

Location Number

## Observations

#### Findings:

- Room has odor of wood
- Rusted light grid in ceiling
- Majority of the walls are covered with art paper and student activities. Removed paper from West wall and there was no visible water damage or staining. However, elevated moisture readings above and below dry erase board (greater than 20). Moisture content in South wall 18.
- Dust build up on walls above window sills and on window sills
- Temperature was low at the time of the assessment
- Visible rust on front door below small window
- West A/C unit has small gap at the bottom of the unit
- Rust on table legs appears to be from mop water wicking up and not drying properly
- Rotting wood panels on the ground outside under handicap ramp

## -Recommendations:

### Site Based Maintenance:

- Remove excess paper from walls. Please contact Safety Department for acceptable limit of wall space that can be covered.
- Thoroughly clean walls above window sills and window sills
- Adjust the thermostat to increase the temperature. Continue to monitor condition and initiate a work order for Physical Plant Operations to evaluate the HVAC system if temperature does not improve.
- Limit amount of water used around table legs when mopping or ensure tables legs are wiped dry
- Remove wood panels from under handicap ramp or initiate a work order to have panels removed
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

# Physical Plant Operations:

- Evaluate cause of elevated moisture content in West and South walls and repair as appropriate.
- Evaluate cause of rusted light grid in ceiling and repair. Repair/replace light grid.
- Evaluate cause of rust on front door and repair as appropriate

PREVIOUS WORK ORDER J242136