

# managing risk with responsibility

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TO: Ms. Mary Lou Ridge, Principal

**Bethune Elementary School** 

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SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment

FISH 806 and Building 8

On June 9, 2005 the IAQ Assessment Team conducted an assessment of FISH 806 and Building 8 at **Bethune Elementary School**. The evaluation consisted of a walkthrough of the identified areas to assess the current condition of the location with regard to indoor air quality. This assessment included observations of the carpet, floor tile, ceiling tile, interior walls, false ceiling plenum, and accessible ventilation equipment.

Attached are the findings of this assessment along with recommendations for further assessment, remediation, or corrective actions, if needed.

Generally, the IAQ Assessment did not identify any existing conditions significantly impacting IAQ and thereby presenting immediate health and safety concerns 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 754-321-1638.

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## IAQ Assessment

	Beth	une Elementary	/ School		Evaluation Requested June 9, 2005			
Time of Day 11:00 am					E	Evaluation Date	June 9	, 2005
Outdoor Condit	ions Ten	mperature 8	83.5	Relative Humio	dity 70.2	Ambien	nt CO2	448
Fish T	emperature	Range Rela	ative Humidity	Range	CO2	Rang	ge # (	Occupants
806	74.8	72 - 78	68.6	30% - 60%	507	Max 700 >	- Ambient	3
Noticeable Odor Yes			Visible water Visible microbial damage / staining? growth?			Amount of material affected		
Ceiling Type 2x4 Lay In		In	No		,	None		
Wall Type Drywall			No	Yes		5 square feet		
Flooring	ring Carpet		Yes	No		Entire carpet rippled		ed
Clean Minor Dust Needs / Debris Cleanin				Corrective Action Required				
Ceiling	No	Yes	Yes		Clean dust from ceiling tiles			
Walls	No	Yes	Yes		Clean dust and cobwebs from walls			
Flooring No Ye		Yes	Yes		Remove and replace carpet			
HVAC Supply 0	Grills No	Yes	Yes		Clean wit	h Wexcide disir	nfectant	
HVAC Return G	Grills No	Yes	Yes		Clean wit	h Wexcide disir	nfectant	
Ceiling at Supp Grills	oly No	Yes	Yes		Clea	an as appropria	ite	
Surfaces in Ro	om No	Yes	Yes		Clea	an as appropria	te	

## **Observations**

### Findings:

- West exterior wall has 25% moisture content and visible microbial growth
- Visible microbial growth identified on interior west wall
- Dust and debris on ceiling tiles and cobwebs on walls throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Dust and debris on envirionmental surfaces throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Carpet is stained and rippled throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Humidity level is slightly elevated

### Recommendations:

#### Site Based Maintenance:

- Remove all papers and furnishing from interior west wall and wipe down wall with Wexcide disinfectant solution
- Clean/dust ceiling tiles and walls throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills with Wexcide disinfectant solution throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Clean/dust environmental surfaces throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Site based staff encouraged to address general cleanliness with facilities serviceperson staff
- 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 Division:

- Evaluate and repair cause of water intrusion as appropriate and remove and replace material on exterior west wall as appropriate (from south wall to where angled wall begins) NOTE PPO painters are on site now
- Evaluate, Remove and replace carpet throughout ALL OF BUILDING 8
- Evaluate and repair HVAC system as appropriate to lower humidity level