

# managing risk with responsibility

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**Blanche Ely High School** 

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SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment

FISH 291, 309, 315, 316, 317 and 320

On April 20, 2006 I conducted an assessment of FISH 291, 309, 315, 316, 317 and 320 at **Blanche Ely High 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. Additionally, environmental parameter measurements were taken to include temperature, relative humidity, and carbon dioxide. 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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|                          |             | Blanche Ely        | / High School                   |                             | Evaluati | ion Requested   | April    | 19, 2006  |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Time of Day              | 9:45 a.m.   |                    |                                 |                             | E        | Evaluation Date | April    | 20, 2006  |
| Outdoor Cond             | itions T    | emperature         | 85.3                            | Relative Humidity           | 55.5     | Ambie           | nt CO2   | 540       |
| Fish                     | Temperature | Range              | Relative Humidity               | ' Range                     | CO2      | Ran             | ge #     | Occupants |
| 291                      | 71.5        | 72 - 78            | 52.5                            | 30% - 60%                   | 1018     | Max 700         | > Ambien | t 1       |
| Noticeable Oc            | dor No      |                    | Visible water damage / staining | Visible micro<br>g? growth? |          | Amount of ma    | terial   |           |
| Ceiling Type             | 2 x 4 L     | ay In              | No                              | No                          |          |                 | None     |           |
| Wall Type                | Concrete/   | Particle           | No                              | No                          |          |                 | None     |           |
| Flooring                 | Tile        | ,                  | No                              | No                          |          |                 | None     |           |
|                          | Clean       | Minor D<br>/ Debri |                                 | I                           | Correc   | ctive Action Re | equired  |           |
| Ceiling                  | No          | Yes                | Yes                             |                             | Eval     | uate duct syst  | em       |           |
| Walls                    | Yes         | No                 | No                              |                             |          |                 |          |           |
| Flooring                 | No          | Yes                | Yes                             |                             | Cle      | ean and sanitiz | :e       |           |
| HVAC Supply              | Grills No   | Yes                | Yes                             | С                           | lean wit | h Wexcide disi  | nfectant |           |
| HVAC Return              | Grills No   | Yes                | Yes                             | С                           | lean wit | h Wexcide disi  | nfectant |           |
| Ceiling at Sup<br>Grills | ply Yes     | No                 | No                              |                             |          |                 |          |           |
| Surfaces in Ro           | oom No      | Yes                | Yes                             |                             | Clea     | an as appropri  | ate      |           |

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# Observations

## Findings:

- Spoke with teacher and advised that the room gets extremely hot in the lat morning/early afternoon
- Dust and debris on floor tile
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills
- Dust build up on environmental surfaces
- Unused insulation may be entering the room. Particles coming from HVAC supply grill

## Recommendations:

## Site Based Maintenance:

- Clean and sanitize floor
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills with Wexcide disinfectant solution
- Clean environmental surfaces throughout the room
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

- Evaluate false ceiling for unused insulation and remove as necessary
- Evaluate and repair false ceiling for integrity of duct system and clean ducts as appropriate

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|---|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Time of Day 10:   | 52 a.m.   |   |                         | Evaluation Date           | April 20, 2006 |
| <b>Outdoor Conditions</b>   | Temperature   | 85.3  | Relative Humidity       | 55.5 Ambien               | t CO2 540      |
| 309  Noticeable Odor  Ceiling Type  | Range 72 - 78  No  2 x 4 Lay In  oncrete/Particle  Tile | Visible water damage / staining  No  No  No | 30% - 60% Visible micro | affected N                | Ambient        |
|   | Clean Minor I   |   | l                       | Corrective Action Rec     | uired          |
| Ceiling   | Yes   | No  |                         |                           |                |
| Walls   | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| Flooring  | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| HVAC Supply Grills  | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| HVAC Return Grills  | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| Ceiling at Supply<br>Grills   | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| Surfaces in Room  | Yes No  | No  |                         |                           |                |
| Pindings: - Possible leaks from Recommendations: Site Based Maintena - Continue to monitor appropriate Physical Plant Opera - Evaluate AHU #L (value) | ance:<br>this location for any s<br>ations:             |   |                         | t and debris accumulation | n and clean as |
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| Time of Day              | 10:18 a.m.  |                       |                                    |                             | E        | Evaluation Date April 20, 2006 |
| Outdoor Condi            | itions Te   | mperature             | 85.3                               | Relative Humidity           | 55.5     | Ambient CO2 540                |
| Fish                     | Temperature | Range R               | Relative Humidity                  | Range                       | CO2      | Range # Occupants              |
| 315                      | 73.2        | 72 - 78               | 56.1                               | 30% - 60%                   | 1066     | Max 700 > Ambient 21           |
| Noticeable Oc            | lor No      |                       | Visible water<br>damage / staining | Visible micro<br>g? growth? | bial     | Amount of material affected    |
| Ceiling Type             | 2 x 4 La    | y In                  | No                                 | No                          |          | None                           |
| Wall Type                | Concrete/P  | article               | Yes                                | Yes                         |          | 315A - rear of closet          |
| Flooring                 | Tile        |                       | No                                 | No                          |          | None                           |
|                          | Clean       | Minor Du:<br>/ Debris |                                    | ı                           | Correc   | ctive Action Required          |
| Ceiling                  | No          | Yes                   | Yes                                |                             | Clear    | n ceiling tile tracks          |
| Walls                    | Yes         | No                    | No                                 |                             |          |                                |
| Flooring                 | No          | Yes                   | Yes                                |                             | Cle      | ean and sanitize               |
| HVAC Supply              | Grills No   | Yes                   | Yes                                | С                           | lean wit | h Wexcide disinfectant         |
| HVAC Return              | Grills No   | Yes                   | Yes                                | С                           | lean wit | h Wexcide disinfectant         |
| Ceiling at Sup<br>Grills | ply No      | Yes                   | Yes                                |                             | Clea     | an as appropriate              |
| Surfaces in Ro           | oom No      | Yes                   | Yes                                |                             | Clea     | an as appropriate              |

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# **Observations**

## Findings:

- Possible mold on wall at rear of closet (FISH 315A)
- Dust and debris on floor tile
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills, ceiling at supply grills and on ceiling tile tracks
- Dust build up on environmental surfaces
- Items in closet FISH 315A are disorganized
- Humidity level was slightly above outside reading

#### Recommendations:

## Site Based Maintenance:

- Clean wall at rear of closet with Wexcide disinfectant solution and monitor for return
- Clean and sanitize floor
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills and ceiling tile tracks with Wexcide disinfectant solution and clean ceiling at supply grills as appropriate
- Clean environmental surfaces throughout the room
- Organize items in FISH 315A (closet) to assist the custodial staff in their cleaning efforts
- 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 HVAC system for proper operation and repair as appropriate to lower humidity level

| Time of Day               | 10:52 a.m.               |                        |                                 |                      | E         | Evaluation Date Ap          | oril 20, 2006 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Outdoor Condi             | tions Tem                | perature 8             | 5.3                             | Relative Humi        | dity 55.5 | Ambient CO2                 | 540           |
| Fish 7                    | Геmperature <sub>F</sub> | Range Rela             | tive Humidity                   | Range                | CO2       | Range                       | # Occupants   |
| 316                       | 71 7                     | 2 - 78                 | 57.9                            | 30% - 60%            | 990       | Max 700 > Amb               | ient 1        |
| Noticeable Od             | or No                    | _                      | /isible water<br>age / staining | Visible n<br>g? grov |           | Amount of material affected |               |
| Ceiling Type              | 2 x 4 Lay                | In                     | No                              | No                   |           | None                        |               |
| Wall Type                 | Concrete/Pa              | rticle                 | No                              | No                   |           | None                        |               |
| Flooring                  | Tile                     |                        | No                              | No                   |           | None                        |               |
|                           | Clean                    | Minor Dust<br>/ Debris | Needs<br>Cleaning               | ı                    | Correc    | ctive Action Required       |               |
| Ceiling                   | No                       | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Clea      | an as appropriate           |               |
| Walls                     | Yes                      | No                     | No                              |                      |           |                             |               |
| Flooring                  | No                       | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Cle       | ean and sanitize            |               |
| HVAC Supply               | Grills No                | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Clean wit | h Wexcide disinfecta        | nt            |
| HVAC Return (             | Grills No                | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Clean wit | h Wexcide disinfecta        | nt            |
| Ceiling at Supp<br>Grills | ply No                   | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Clea      | an as appropriate           |               |
| Surfaces in Ro            | oom No                   | Yes                    | Yes                             |                      | Clea      | an as appropriate           |               |

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# **Observations**

## Findings:

- Dust build up on ceiling tiles and shirts are hanging from ceiling tile track
- Dust, debris and paper on floor tile
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills and on ceiling at supply grills
- Dust build up on environmental surfaces and dust and debris build up on whiteboard marker trays
- Excess paper in the room
- Occupant has refrigerator in the closet (316A) that has surface mold, large bag of clothing and unsealed food on refrigerator
- Humidity level was slightly above outside reading

## Recommendations:

# Site Based Maintenance:

- Clean ceiling tiles as appropriate and remove shirts hanging from ceiling tile track
- Clean and sanitize floor
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills with Wexcide disinfectant solution and clean ceiling at supply grills as appropriate
- Clean environmental surfaces throughout the room
- Encourage occupant to remove and/or organize excess paper to assist the custodial staff in their cleaning efforts
- Clean refrigerator as appropriate, remove large bag of clothing and place food in sealed containers
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

- Evaluate HVAC system for proper operation and repair as appropriate to lower humidity level
- Evaluate insulation in false ceiling

| Time of Day              | 10:37 a.m.      |                        |                                  |                             | Ev        | valuation Date April 20, 2006 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Outdoor Condi            | tions Tem       | perature               | 85.3                             | Relative Humidity           | 55.5      | Ambient CO2 540               |
| Fish                     | Temperature R   | Range Rela             | ative Humidity                   | Range                       | CO2       | Range # Occupants             |
| 317                      | 71.9 <b>7</b> 2 | 2 - 78                 | 58.1                             | 30% - 60%                   | 1141      | Max 700 > Ambient 22          |
| Noticeable Od            | lor No          |                        | Visible water<br>nage / staining | Visible micro<br>g? growth? |           | Amount of material affected   |
| Ceiling Type             | 2 x 4 Lay l     | ln                     | No                               | No                          |           | None                          |
| Wall Type                | Concrete        |                        | No                               | No                          |           | None                          |
| Flooring                 | Tile            |                        | No                               | No                          |           | None                          |
|                          | Clean           | Minor Dust<br>/ Debris | Needs<br>Cleaning                | ı                           | Correct   | ive Action Required           |
| Ceiling                  | No              | Yes                    | Yes                              |                             | Clean     | ceiling tile tracks           |
| Walls                    | Yes             | No                     | No                               |                             |           |                               |
| Flooring                 | No              | Yes                    | Yes                              |                             | Clea      | an and sanitize               |
| HVAC Supply              | Grills No       | Yes                    | Yes                              | С                           | lean with | Wexcide disinfectant          |
| HVAC Return (            | Grills No       | Yes                    | Yes                              | С                           | lean with | Wexcide disinfectant          |
| Ceiling at Sup<br>Grills | ply Yes         | No                     | No                               |                             |           |                               |
| Surfaces in Ro           | oom No          | Yes                    | Yes                              |                             | Clear     | n as appropriate              |

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# **Observations**

## Findings:

- Air leak at rear windows
- Dust and debris on floor tile
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills and on ceiling tile tracks
- Dust build up on environmental surfaces
- Books and papers are disorganized in FISH 317 and boxes/decorations are disorganized in closet area FISH 317A
- Humidity level was slightly above outside reading

#### Recommendations:

## Site Based Maintenance:

- Clean and sanitize floor
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills and ceiling tile tracks with Wexcide disinfectant solution
- Clean environmental surfaces throughout the room
- Organize papers and books in FISH 317 and boxes/decoration in FISH 317A to assist the custodial staff in their cleaning efforts
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

- Evaluate rear windows for air leaks and reseal as appropriate
- Evaluate HVAC system for proper operation and repair as appropriate to lower humidity level

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| Outdoor Condi            | tions Tem                | perature 8             | 5.3                             | Relative Humi     | dity 55.5  | Ambient CO2 540                |
| Fish                     | Temperature <sub>F</sub> | Range Rela             | tive Humidity                   | Range             | CO2        | Range # Occupants              |
| 320                      | 71.4 7                   | 2 - 78                 | 47.1                            | 30% - 60%         | 622        | Max 700 > Ambient 1            |
| Noticeable Od            | lor No                   | _                      | isible water<br>age / staining? | Visible m<br>grow |            | Amount of material affected    |
| Ceiling Type             | 2 x 4 Lay                | In                     | Yes                             | Ye                | s          | 4 ceiling tiles                |
| Wall Type                | Concrete                 | )                      | No                              | No                |            | None                           |
| Flooring                 | Tile                     |                        | No                              | No                |            | None                           |
|                          | Clean                    | Minor Dust<br>/ Debris | Needs<br>Cleaning               |                   | Correc     | tive Action Required           |
| Ceiling                  | No                       | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Repla      | ace as appropriate             |
| Walls                    | No                       | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Clea       | an as appropriate              |
| Flooring                 | No                       | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Cle        | ean and sanitize               |
| HVAC Supply              | Grills No                | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Clean witl | n Wexcide disinfectant         |
| HVAC Return              | Grills No                | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Clean witl | n Wexcide disinfectant         |
| Ceiling at Sup<br>Grills | ply No                   | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Clea       | an as appropriate              |
| Surfaces in Ro           | oom No                   | Yes                    | Yes                             |                   | Clea       | nn as appropriate              |

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# **Observations**

## Findings:

- Visible microbial growth on 4 ceiling tiles
- Dust and debris on floor tile
- Dust and debris on HVAC supply and return grills and on ceiling at supply grills
- Excess paper in room
- Dust build up on environmental surfaces and walls
- Damaged condensate line at outside rear of room

#### Recommendations:

## Site Based Maintenance:

- Clean and sanitize floor
- Clean HVAC supply and return grills with Wexcide disinfectant solution and clean ceiling at supply grills as appropriate
- Clean environmental surfaces and walls throughout the room
- Encourage occupant to remove and/or organize excess paper to assist the custodial staff in their cleaning efforts
- Continue to monitor this location for any signs of microbial growth as well as dust and debris accumulation and clean as appropriate

- Evaluate for leaks and repair. Replace ceiling tiles as appropriate.
- Evaluate and repair condensate line at outside rear of room