

# RISK MANAGEMENT...

managing risk with responsibility

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SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Assessment  
**FISH 715**

<b>For Custodial Supervisor Use Only</b>	
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On September 5, 2007 I conducted an assessment of FISH 715 at **Westpine Middle 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.

*Please ensure that your Head Facilities Serviceperson receives a copy of this correspondence so that the recommendations requiring their attention can be addressed. Within two weeks a representative from the Custodial/Grounds Department will conduct a follow-up visit to ensure that all issues have been appropriately addressed.*

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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# IAQ Assessment

Location Number   
 Evaluation Requested   
 Evaluation Date

Westpine Middle School

Time of Day

Outdoor Conditions      Temperature       Relative Humidity       Ambient CO2

Fish	Temperature	Range	Relative Humidity	Range	CO2	Range	# Occupants
<input type="text" value="715"/>	<input type="text" value="68.9"/>	<input type="text" value="72 - 78"/>	<input type="text" value="67.3"/>	<input type="text" value="30% - 60%"/>	<input type="text" value="1636"/>	<input type="text" value="Max 700 &gt; Ambient"/>	<input type="text" value="26"/>
Noticeable Odor	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>		Visible water damage / staining?		Visible microbial growth?		Amount of material affected
Ceiling Type	<input type="text" value="2 x 4 Lay In"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="None"/>
Wall Type	<input type="text" value="Drywall"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="None"/>
Flooring	<input type="text" value="Tile"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="No"/>		<input type="text" value="None"/>

	Clean	Minor Dust / Debris	Needs Cleaning	Corrective Action Required
Ceiling	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
Walls	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
Flooring	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
HVAC Supply Grills	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
HVAC Return Grills	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ceiling at Supply Grills	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>
Surfaces in Room	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Observations

**Findings:**

- Strong odor in room that appears to be emanating from ceiling tiles. Tile was removed during the assessment and taken outside and odor was prevalent. Note - tiles were replaced over a month ago.
- Temperature was low and humidity and CO2 levels were elevated at the time of assessment

**Recommendations:**

**Site Based Maintenance:**

- 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 odor in room - possibly from ceiling tiles
- Evaluate HVAC system for proper operation and repair as appropriate to increase temperature and lower humidity and CO2 levels