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For Parents: School Building Health and Safety

Eight questions about the air quality, fire safety, and use of chemicals and pesticides at your child's school:

Air Quality

- Has a qualified professional reviewed the school's ventilation system to make sure the system is clean and that adequate outdoor air is coming into occupied spaces?
- Has the school been tested for radon? Have any recommended remedial actions been taken?
- Is excess humidity a problem in the school building? If so, what steps are being taken to lower humidity levels?

Fire Prevention

- Has your school taken steps to reduce fire risks from hazardous materials such as laboratory chemicals or cleaning solvents?
- Has the fire department visited your school to test the fire alarms and check the sprinkler system?
- Are all building exits clearly marked and accessible?

Pest Management

- Are there pest problems at school, particularly in the food storage and cafeteria areas?
- What procedures are used to manage pest problems?

See Parents Resource Center at: <http://healthinschools.org/Educators-and-Families/Parents.aspx>

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