



Indoor Air Quality Parent Notification School Year 2024-2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Independent School District 277 (Westonka Public Schools) has in place a program to monitor and improve air quality at our schools. The District considers no objective more important than providing its employees, students and visitors with a healthy, safe environment. Because we believe that indoor air quality is essential to this objective, we are including this notification to inform parents, students, and staff of our program to monitor and improve indoor air quality.

As part of the program implementation, an Indoor Air Quality Coordinator has been appointed. The coordinator will perform an annual walk-through to evaluate school facilities for obvious water intrusion, ventilation failures, structural problems, overall cleanliness, and the status of the O&M program.

In that we have adopted the EPA's Tools for Schools, the guidelines contained therein will be used to evaluate all classrooms, ventilation systems, and building maintenance issues.

Parent and guardian questions are always welcome, and the District's response will be timely and direct. If a concern should arise, we ask that parents/guardians contact James Collins, Indoor Air Quality Coordinator. The coordinator will be able to assist in evaluating the child's home or other out-of-school situation. Additional information is available to parents about school facility construction, maintenance, housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, and other activities that may contribute to a child's symptoms.

Independent School District 277 accepts the responsibility of monitoring indoor air quality and will continue to survey the mechanical ventilation rate of each occupied space in the district.

Westonka is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we can achieve our core mission - educating students. Our schools will continue to follow EPA guidelines to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many problems as possible.

If you have a concern about air quality, please contact Jeff Liestman, Indoor Air Quality Coordinator, at (952) 491-8090 or collinsj@westonka.k12.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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