

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality and Respiratory Health in Schools

DATE NOTICED: November 14, 2000 **PRESENTED FOR ACTION:** January 23, 2001

PRESENTED BY: Ms. Korenstein **MOVED/SECONDED BY:** Mr. Lansing/
Ms. Castro

MOTION: X **RESOLUTION:**

Whereas, Every child has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment, and the maintenance of this environment is essential to learning and a goal of the Los Angeles Unified School District;

Whereas, Indoor air pollution is a recognized public health risk affecting everyone, with children the most vulnerable, and indoor air pollution exacerbates asthma and other respiratory health problems, and asthma is the leading cause of school absence due to a chronic health condition;

Whereas, Indoor air quality (IAQ) programs in schools can substantially reduce the level of indoor air pollution and enhance the health and educational performance of children;

Whereas, The District encourages increased environmental health awareness in schools, and has initiated training and mentor programs, participated in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) studies, and has partnered with the U.S. EPA and the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County in the implementation of the "IAQ Tools for Schools" program, which provides guidance to prevent potential IAQ problems and resolve them should they occur;

Whereas, The District encourages increased asthma awareness and management in schools, and has also partnered with the American Lung Association of Los Angeles County in the implementation of "Open Airways for Schools", which is a nationally recognized program for asthma prevention, consisting of student and parent education and staff development; and

Whereas, The District believes that agencies and organizations, both public and private, should work to ensure strict compliance with health-based air quality standards, including the mitigation of external sources of air pollution in proximity to schools and other District facilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles recognizes the value of the "IAQ Tools for Schools" and "Open Airways for Schools" Programs, recommends the further implementation of these programs, and supports the District's active participation in other programs dedicated to achieving a "best practices" approach toward providing a healthy learning and working school environment; and be it

Resolved further, That the Board of Education should distribute this resolution to school administrators, staff, parents, health professionals, regulatory agencies, and other members of the school community, as evidence of the District's commitment to the above referenced programs and its ongoing efforts to ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff throughout the District; and be it

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Resolved further, That an advisory committee be established to recommend strategies for the effective implementation of the aforementioned programs, and that the Board of Education receive an annual progress report prepared by the Environmental Health and Safety Branch.

AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

Ms. Hayes	X			
Ms. Castro	X			
Ms. Young	X			
Ms. Fields	X			
Mr. Tokofsky	X			
Ms. Korenstein	X			
Mr. Lansing	X			
TOTAL	7			

ACTION: ADOPTED

REFERRED TO: Assigned to School Safety and Campus Environment Committee