

During the 2018-19 school year, the Administration has worked to identify the sources of complaints of mold at Columbus Park Preparatory School.

Based on the assumption on the presence of mold, the Administration engaged its environmental consultant, O'Reilly, Talbot, and Okun (OTO), to conduct an industrial hygiene assessment at the school. This assessment included the utilization of various direct reading instruments to assist with evaluation of building materials, including a forward facing infrared (Flir) camera, and moisture meter. OTO and district staff also had a number of discussions with staff in the school to identify and isolate areas of concern within the building.

OTO conducted a site visit on June 14, 2019 and performed as a preliminary baseline assessment of the school. The general goal of the visit was to perform a visual assessment of the school to gain an understanding of the school systems (i.e. mechanical, building materials, etc.), listen to teachers and staff regarding indoor air quality complaints, and observe conditions throughout the school building.

This initial assessment identified the following:

- The heating system was not in use; therefore, variances in temperature were not observed.
- There were numerous areas throughout the basement level where the walls/ceiling had visible evidence of water staining. These areas were assessed using the Flir and moisture meters, and identified as being dry.
- There was visible evidence of moisture infiltration through the basement level brick exterior walls and concrete floor (i.e. bubbling latex paint, efflorescence, etc). Areas were confirmed to be dry during the assessment.
- Visible evidence of water staining to walls and ceilings in various third floor locations. These were reportedly from roof leaks that have been repaired. Moisture testing revealed these water stained areas were dry at the time of testing.
- Brown water staining observed on pipe insulation of various heating system pipes in the basement level. These stains appear to be adjacent to pipe valves and regulators. All stained insulation was confirmed to be dry at the time of the assessment.
- There were no musty/mold type odors detected during the assessment throughout the school building.
- A sewer type odor was detected in the basement level main hallway. This odor was localized in the hallway between the rest room and a storage room on the opposite side of the hall. It was noted there is a pass-through air louver in the wall from the rest room to the hall. There is no local mechanical exhaust ventilation in the restroom.

Testing of mold spores in the building by the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Education Association of Worcester indicated there were some settled spores and potential growth

on some surfaces in the school. These conditions are typical for the types of locations, activities, contents, and atmospheric conditions present in the school. Recommended methods of cleaning these surfaces include damp wiping methods with a common cleaning detergent solution. Results of air sampling appear to generally indicate that total airborne fungal concentrations inside are lower than outside/ambient conditions.

As it has been generally concluded that mold does not appear to be an issue at the school, but the staff report a variety of environmental symptoms, the Administration requested that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Bureau of Environmental Health, Indoor Air Quality Program provide an indoor air quality assessment of the school to gain a better understanding of issues that may be effecting the school. The full assessment is attached, noting the following summary:

- Carbon dioxide levels were above the MDPH guidelines of 800 parts per million in more than half of the locations assessed, indicating a lack of air exchange, mainly due to sealed fresh air intakes and deactivated/outdated ventilation components.
- The operational lifespan of the buildings unit ventilators (univents) has been exceeded in all areas of the school. The univents are the mechanical system that draws air from outdoors through a fresh air intake located in the exterior walls and return air through an intake located at the base of each unit. Fresh and return air are mixed, filtered, heated and provided to classrooms through an air diffuser located at the top of the unit.
- The basement level contains a significant amount of material that can support mold growth if exposed to moisture. Porous materials such as paper, cardboard, cloth and leather can all be mold colonized if repeatedly exposed to moisture.
- Based on an EPA National School Radon Survey, the MDPH recommends that the school be tested for radon.

Based on the observation and assessment, the MDPH recommends the following:

Short Term Measures:

1. Operational existing HVAC components to the extent possible when school is occupied to provide fresh air and exhaust.

District Action: The district's Facilities staff are monitoring all HVAC components to ensure that they are operation for fresh air and exhaust.

2. Use openable windows to provide fresh air during temperate weather. Ensure windows are closed tightly at the end of each day and during heavy rain.

District Action: The school staff has been advised of this recommendation to open windows as intended for fresh air during temperate weather.

3. Consider temporarily sealing the fresh air intake of the HVAC system during hot, humid weather with a non-porous, solid material to prevent wind-driven hot, moist air from entering the building.

District Action: The district's Facilities staff is working to ensure all mechanical dampers are operational to be closed during hot, humid weather.

4. Remove all porous materials from the basement including carpeting and store materials. Reduce the amount of materials stored in the basement area in general, and store remaining materials in waterproof totes.

District Action: The school staff has been advised of this recommendation to reduce the amount of porous materials in the basement.

5. Ensure all former locker room drains are permanently sealed.

District Action: The district Facilities staff will ensure all locker room floor drains are permanently sealed. .

6. Operate dehumidifiers during hot, humid weather to reduce relative humidity in basement areas. Ensure all dehumidifiers are emptied, cleaned and maintained regularly to prevent spills and odors.

District Action: Dehumidifiers are installed in each basement classroom and are maintained as recommended.

7. Ensure all sinks in the lower level have wet drain traps throughout the summer break. Run faucets at least twice a week to maintain the airtight seal of the trap.

District Action: The school custodial staff will ensure that lower level drain traps are kept wet during the summer break to maintain the airtight seal of the trap.

8. After consulting with a ventilation engineer, examine the feasibility of changing filters in HVAC units at least twice per year with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 8 (or higher) filters. Clean HVAC uninvent cabinets of debris and dust when filters are changed.

District Action: The district already maintains the univents as recommended.

9. Clean carpets annually or semi-annually in soiled high traffic areas as per the recommendations of the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification.

District Action: The carpets are cleaned during the annual deep clean of the school.

10. For more information on mold refer to "Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings" published by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

11. [If] not done so already, the school, the school should be tested for radon measurement specialist during the heating season when school is in session.

District Action: This testing will be conducted at the end of January with results known in February.

12. Consider adopting the US EPA (2000) document, “Tools for Schools”, as an instrument for maintain good IAQ environment in the building.

District Action: This district uses the “Tools for Schools” strategies part of the Environmental Management System.

13. Refer to the resource manual and other related IAQ documents located on the MDPH’s website for further building-wide evaluations and advice on maintaining public buildings.

Long-term Recommendations:

1. Consideration should be given to replace HVAC units/components as they become past their service life. If not conducted already, consider contacting an HVAC engineering firm for assessment of the ventilation system’s components and control systems (e.g., controls, air intake louvers, thermostats). Based on the age, physical deterioration, and availability of parts for ventilation components, such an evaluation is necessary to determine the operability and feasibility of repairing and replacing the equipment.

District Action: The district engaged a mechanical engineering firm to conduct a preliminary review of the existing conditions and to develop a proposal that would consist of an upgrade for the heating and ventilations system. The preliminary estimate to replace the schools’ heating and ventilation system is \$3.5 million. This amount represents the current full annual building rehabilitation budget for the Worcester Public Schools and must be addressed within the context of other building renovations accelerated repair, and deferred maintenance projects within the district’s five-year capital plan.

The Administration is implementing the MDPH suggestions as described within each action recommendations and will continue to maintain the current heating and ventilation system to its potential operational level to control fresh air exchange, as well as maintain other building mitigation systems (dehumidifiers, removal of porous materials, drain maintenance, and the deep clean of high traffic areas). The long term replacement of the heating and ventilation system will be evaluated and considered as part of the district’s capital improvement plan.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT

**Columbus Park School
75 Lovell Street
Worcester MA**



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Background

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| Building: | Columbus Park School (CPS) |
| Address: | 75 Lovell Street, Worcester MA |
| Assessment Requested by: | James Bedard, Director Of Environmental Compliance & Capital Projects, Worcester Public Schools |
| Reason for Request: | General Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) |
| Date of Assessment: | October 4, 2019 |
| Massachusetts Department of Public Health/Bureau of Environmental Health (MDPH/BEH) Staff Conducting Assessment: | Michael Feeney, Director, IAQ Program |
| Building Description: | The CPS is a brick building complex. The original building was constructed in 1913. A wing was added in the 1950s. When the 1950s addition was built, classrooms were equipped with mechanical ventilation. |
| Windows: | Windows are openable |

Methods

Please refer to the IAQ Manual for methods, sampling procedures, and interpretation of results (MDPH, 2015).

IAQ Testing Results

The following is a summary of indoor air testing results (Table 1):

- *Carbon dioxide levels* were above the MDPH guideline of 800 parts per million (ppm) in more than half of the locations assessed, indicating a lack of air exchange, mainly due to sealed fresh air intakes and deactivated/outdated ventilation components. This is explained further in the **Ventilation** section of this report.
- *Temperature* was within or close to the recommended range of 70°F to 78°F the day of assessment. Note it is difficult to control temperature/maintain comfort without operating the mechanical ventilation systems as designed.

- *Relative humidity* was within the recommended range of 40 to 60% the day of assessment.
- *Carbon monoxide* levels were non-detectable (ND) in all areas tested.
- *Fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5})* concentrations measured were below the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) limit of 35 µg/m³ in all areas tested.

Discussion

Ventilation

A heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system has several functions. First it provides heating and, if equipped, cooling. Second, it is a source of fresh air. Finally, an HVAC system will dilute and remove normally occurring indoor environmental pollutants by not only introducing fresh air, but by filtering the airstream and ejecting stale air to the outdoors via exhaust ventilation. Even if an HVAC system is operating as designed, point sources of respiratory irritation may exist and cause symptoms in sensitive individuals.

Mechanical ventilation equipment was deactivated in almost every area throughout the building the day of assessment, in both classrooms and common areas (e.g., cafeteria, gym, and library) (Table 1).

The building has two types of ventilation systems. The 1913 wing was originally equipped with a natural ventilation system that used the stack effect to circulate heat and air through classrooms. It appears that the original airshafts were converted into a mechanical ventilation system with an air handling unit (AHU) located in the basement. Classrooms in the 1913 wing have vents that now function as mechanical supply and return vents (Pictures 1 and 2). The basement has been subdivided into classrooms; added ductwork supplies fresh air through diffusers (Picture 3).

The 1913 portion of the building appears to be originally designed to provide fresh air by opening windows and using cross-ventilation. The building is equipped with windows on opposing exterior walls along with hinged windows (called transoms, Picture 4) located above the doors between classrooms and the hallways. The transom enables the classroom doors to be closed while maintaining a pathway for airflow. This design allows for airflow to enter an open window, pass through a classroom, pass through the open transom, enter the hallway, pass through the opposing open classroom transom, into the opposing classroom and exit the building

on the leeward side (opposite the windward side) (Figure 1). With all windows and transoms open, airflow can be maintained in a building regardless of the direction of the wind. The system fails if the windows or transoms are closed (Figure 2). All transoms in the building were sealed, which prevents cross-ventilation as originally designed. The 1950s building has no transoms.

Fresh air for classrooms in the 1950s wing is supplied by a unit ventilator (univent) system (Picture 5). Univents draw air from outdoors through a fresh air intake located on the exterior walls of the building and return air through an intake located at the base of each unit. Fresh and return air are mixed, filtered, heated and provided to classrooms through an air diffuser located in the top of the unit (Figure 3).

In order to have proper ventilation with a mechanical supply and exhaust system, these systems must be balanced to provide an adequate amount of fresh air to the interior of a room while removing stale air from the room. It is recommended that existing ventilation systems be re-balanced every five years to ensure adequate air systems function (SMACNA, 1994). In its current condition, the HVAC system cannot be balanced.

With regard to HVAC system function, according to the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the service life for a unit heater, hot water or steam is 20 years, assuming routine maintenance of the equipment (ASHRAE, 1991). Despite attempts to maintain the univents (e.g., oiling bearings, changing filters regularly), the operational lifespan of this equipment has been exceeded in all areas of the CPS. Maintaining the balance of fresh to exhaust air will become more difficult as the equipment ages and as replacement parts become increasingly difficult to obtain.

Microbial/Moisture Concerns

As mentioned previously, the lowest floor of the building was converted into classrooms sometime in the 1950s-1960s. The basement has several flooring materials, including terrazzo and tile. Due to the condition of hallway floor tiles (Picture 6), it appears that the basement floor becomes wet with condensation during hot, humid weather, despite the use of dehumidifiers in basement classrooms. This phenomenon was likely exacerbated during the weather conditions experienced in New England during the summer of 2018:

The New England area experienced an unprecedented period of extended hot, humid weather. According to the Washington Post, “[d]ata...show[s]...cities in the Northeast have witnessed such humidity levels for record-challenging duration...[i]ncluding Albany, Boston, Burlington Portland and Providence” during the summer of 2018 (WP, 2018). “Boston and nearby locations... [saw]...historic numbers of those warm nights with low temperatures at or above 70 degrees...Providence and Blue Hill Observatory have already broken their annual records” (WP, 2018).

Since the building was originally constructed in 1913, it is highly unlikely that the floor has either insulation or a vapor barrier. In this condition, the floor likely has a temperature similar the material beneath the floor (e.g. soil, sand, rock ledge, rock fill). If the temperature of the floor is below or equal to the dew point, the floor will begin to accumulate condensation¹.

The key to managing condensation is understanding dew point. Condensation is the collection of moisture on a surface at or below the dew point. The dew point is the temperature that air must reach for saturation to occur. If a building material/component has a temperature below the dew point, condensation will accumulate on that material. Over time, condensation can collect and form water droplets. With a floor chilled through contact with soil/rock, and the infiltration of unconditioned hot, humid air during the warmer months, condensation on the floor is likely.

In addition, the presence of high relative humidity (>70%) alone for a significantly long period, can also cause water damage to susceptible materials. If these materials are porous, carbon-containing items (e.g., gypsum wallboard, carpeting, cloth, paper, and cardboard), mold can grow (ASHRAE, 1989).

It is recommended that porous material be dried with fans and heating within *24 to 48 hours of becoming wet* (US EPA, 2008, ACGIH, 1989). If porous materials are not dried within this time frame, mold growth may occur. Water-damaged porous materials cannot be adequately cleaned to remove mold growth.

¹ Condensation is the collection of moisture on a surface with a temperature below the dew point. The dew point is a temperature determined by air temperature and relative humidity. For example, at a temperature of 73°F and relative humidity of 57 percent indoors, the dew point for water to collect on a surface is approximately 57°F.

The basement level of the building contains a significant amount of materials that can support mold growth if exposed to moisture (Pictures 7 and 8). In addition, a number of conditions exist that may increase relative humidity/moisture conditions in the basement:

- The basement used to contain locker rooms including a shower (Picture 9). It could not be determined if the shower floor drains were permanently sealed. Drains are usually equipped with curved pipe in an “s” shape to form a device called a trap. Drain traps are normally filled with water to create a seal between the building's sanitary sewer line and the system designed to ventilate sewer gas. Without the water seal in a drain trap, water vapor and sewer gas can be drawn into an area. Sewer water can contain a number of bioaerosols (including fungi such as mold) that can be drawn into an area with a dry drain trap, particularly when a sewer system has a large influx of water during heavy rainstorms. The water inside the trap requires replenishment on a regular basis (every other day, particularly during the heating season) to maintain airtightness of the trap.
- Sinks in the lower level may also develop dry drain traps during summer months when school is on break.
- The fresh air intake for the main retrofitted HVAC system is located at the rear of the building. Hot, moist air may migrate into classrooms under westerly/southwesterly wind conditions via the deactivated HVAC system if the fresh air intake dampers are in the open position.
- Porous materials were present in the basement area. It is highly recommended that materials that can support mold growth be removed. Porous materials such as paper, cardboard, cloth and leather can all become mold colonized if repeatedly exposed to moisture.

These types of conditions conducive to mold growth may result in an indoor environment that could adversely affect the health of occupants with respiratory disease such as asthma.

Note that EPA conducted a National School Radon Survey in which it discovered nearly one in five schools had “...at least one frequently occupied ground contact room with short-term radon levels above 4 [picocuries per liter] pCi/L” (US EPA, 1993). The BEH/IAQ Program therefore recommends that every school be tested for radon, and that this testing be conducted during the heating season while school is in session in a manner consistent with USEPA radon

testing guidelines. Radon measurement specialists and other information can be found at www.nrsb.org and <http://aarst-nrpp.com/wp>, with additional information at: <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/exposure-topics/iaq/radon>.

Conclusions/Recommendations

The conditions related to IAQ problems at the CPS raise a number of issues. The general building conditions/design, maintenance, and the condition of HVAC equipment, if considered individually, present conditions that could degrade IAQ and are typically found in buildings of this age. When combined, these conditions can serve to degrade IAQ. Some of these conditions can be remedied by actions of building occupants. Other remediation efforts will require alteration to the building structure and equipment. For these reasons, a two-phase approach is recommended. The first consists of **short-term** measures to improve air quality and the second consists of **long-term** measures that will require planning and resources to adequately address overall IAQ concerns.

Short-term measures:

1. Operate existing HVAC components to the extent possible when school is occupied to provide fresh air and exhaust.
2. Use openable windows to provide fresh air during temperate weather. Ensure windows are closed tightly at the end of each day and during heavy rain.
3. Consider temporarily sealing the fresh air intake of the HVAC system during hot, humid weather with a non-porous, solid material to prevent wind-driven hot, moist air from entering the building.
4. Remove all porous materials from the basement floor including carpeting and stored materials. Reduce the amount of materials stored in the basement area in general, and store remaining materials in waterproof totes.
5. Ensure all former locker room drains are permanently sealed.
6. Operate dehumidifiers during hot, humid weather to reduce relative humidity in basement areas. Ensure all dehumidifiers are emptied, cleaned and maintained regularly to prevent spills and odors.

7. Ensure all sinks in the lower level have wet drain traps throughout the summer break. Run faucets at least twice a week to maintain the airtight seal of the trap.
8. After consulting with a ventilation engineer, examine the feasibility of changing filters in HVAC units at least twice a year with Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) 8 (or higher) filters. Clean HVAC and univent cabinets of debris and dust when filters are changed.
9. Clean carpeting annually or semi-annually in soiled high traffic areas as per the recommendations of the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC 2012).
10. For more information on mold refer to “Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings” published by the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA, 2008).
<http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-remediation-schools-and-commercial-buildings-guide>.
11. If not done so already, the school should be tested for radon by a certified radon measurement specialist during the heating season when school is in session. Radon measurement specialists and other information can be found at: www.nrsb.org, and <http://aarst-nrpp.com/wp>.
12. Consider adopting the US EPA (2000) document, “Tools for Schools”, as an instrument for maintaining a good IAQ environment in the building. This document is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/index.html>.
13. Refer to resource manual and other related IAQ documents located on the MDPH’s website for further building-wide evaluations and advice on maintaining public buildings. These documents are available at: <http://mass.gov/dph/iaq>.

Long-term Recommendations:

1. Consideration should be given to replace HVAC units/components as they become past their service life. If not conducted already, consider contacting an HVAC engineering firm for an assessment of the ventilation system’s components and control systems (e.g., controls, air intake louvers, thermostats). Based on the age, physical deterioration, and availability of parts for ventilation components, such an evaluation is necessary to determine the operability and feasibility of repairing/replacing the equipment.

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Figure 1
Cross Ventilation in a Building Using Open Windows and Doors/Transoms

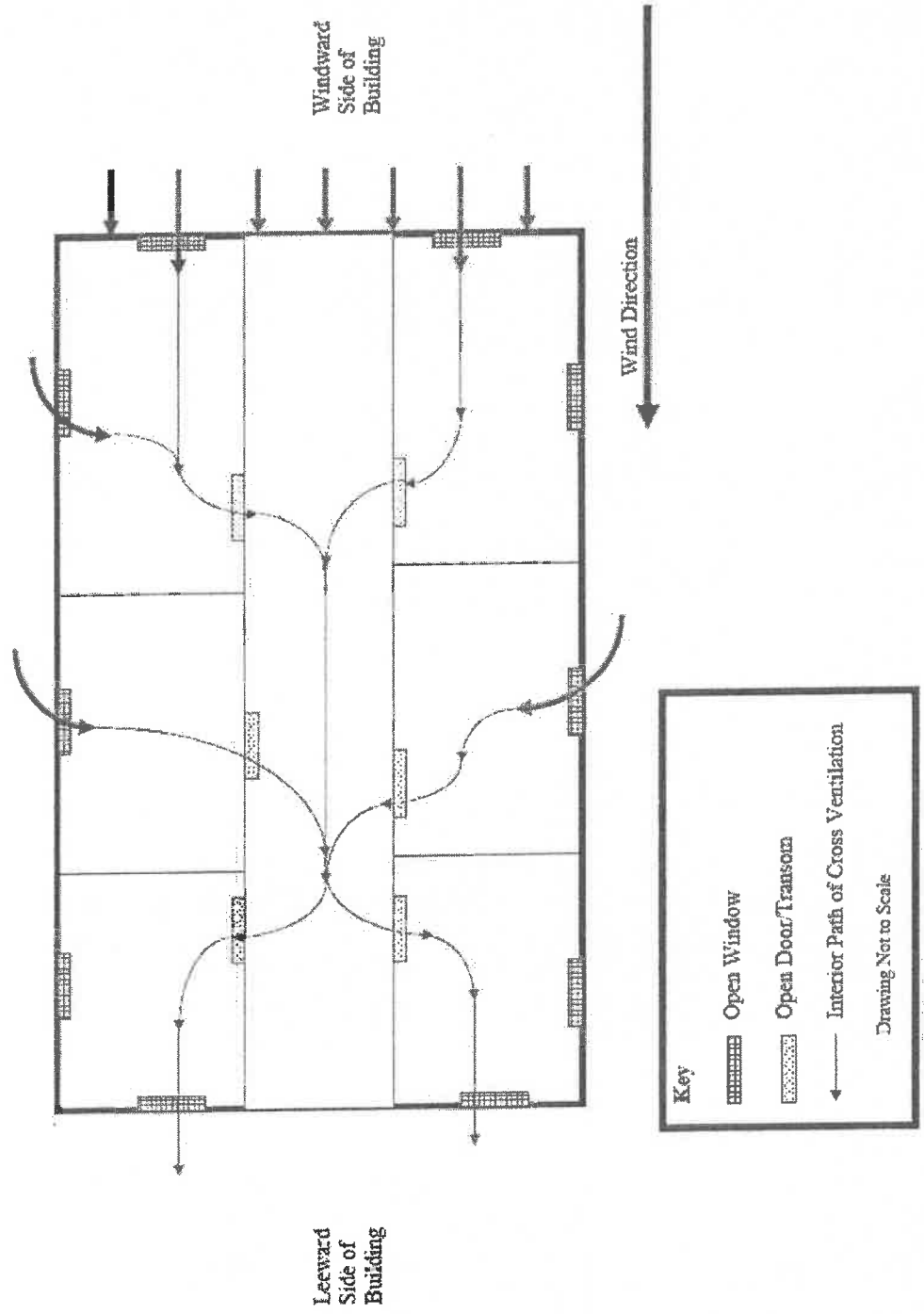


Figure 2
Inhibition of Cross Ventilation in a Building with Several Windows and Doors/Transoms Closed

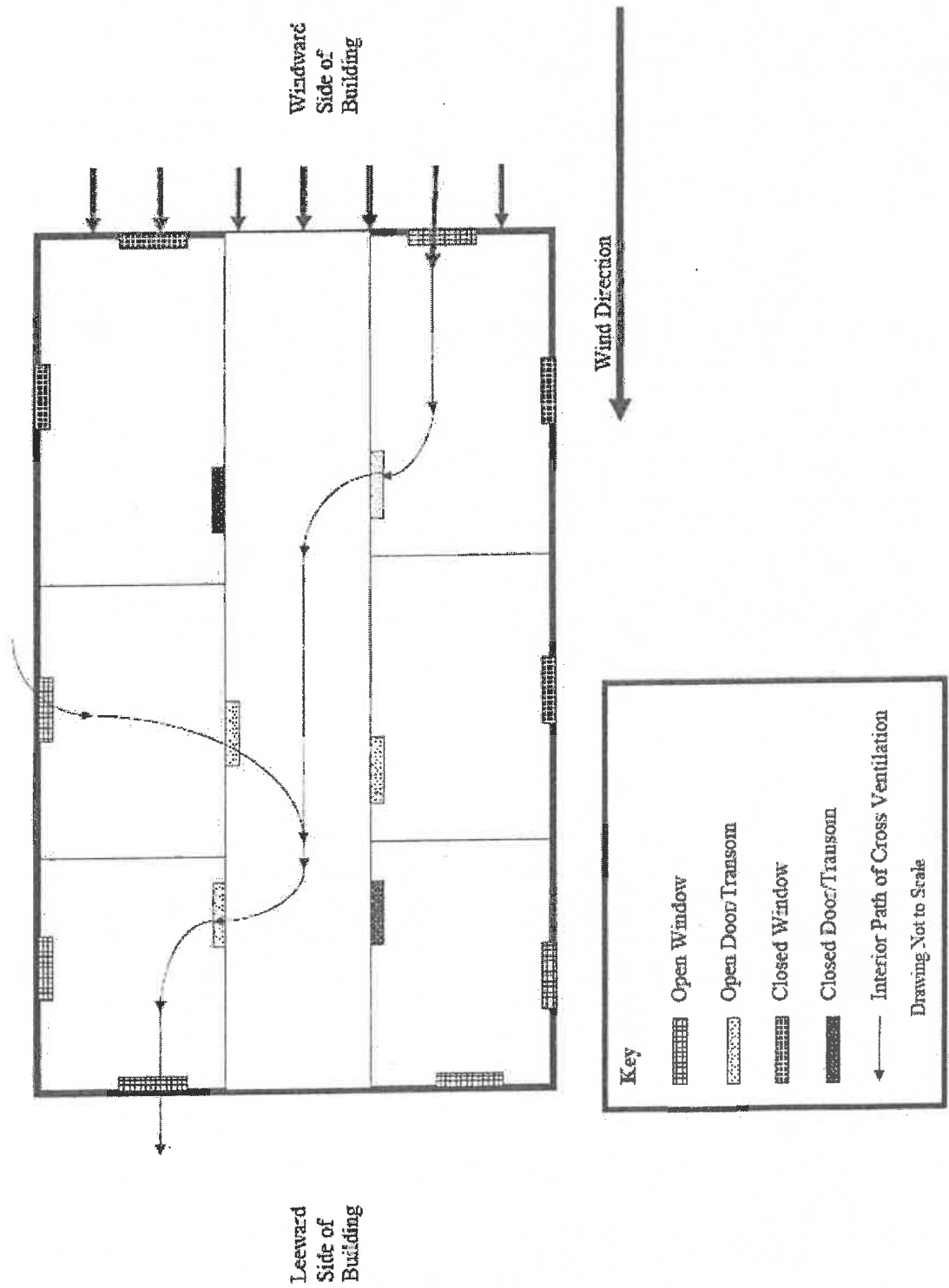
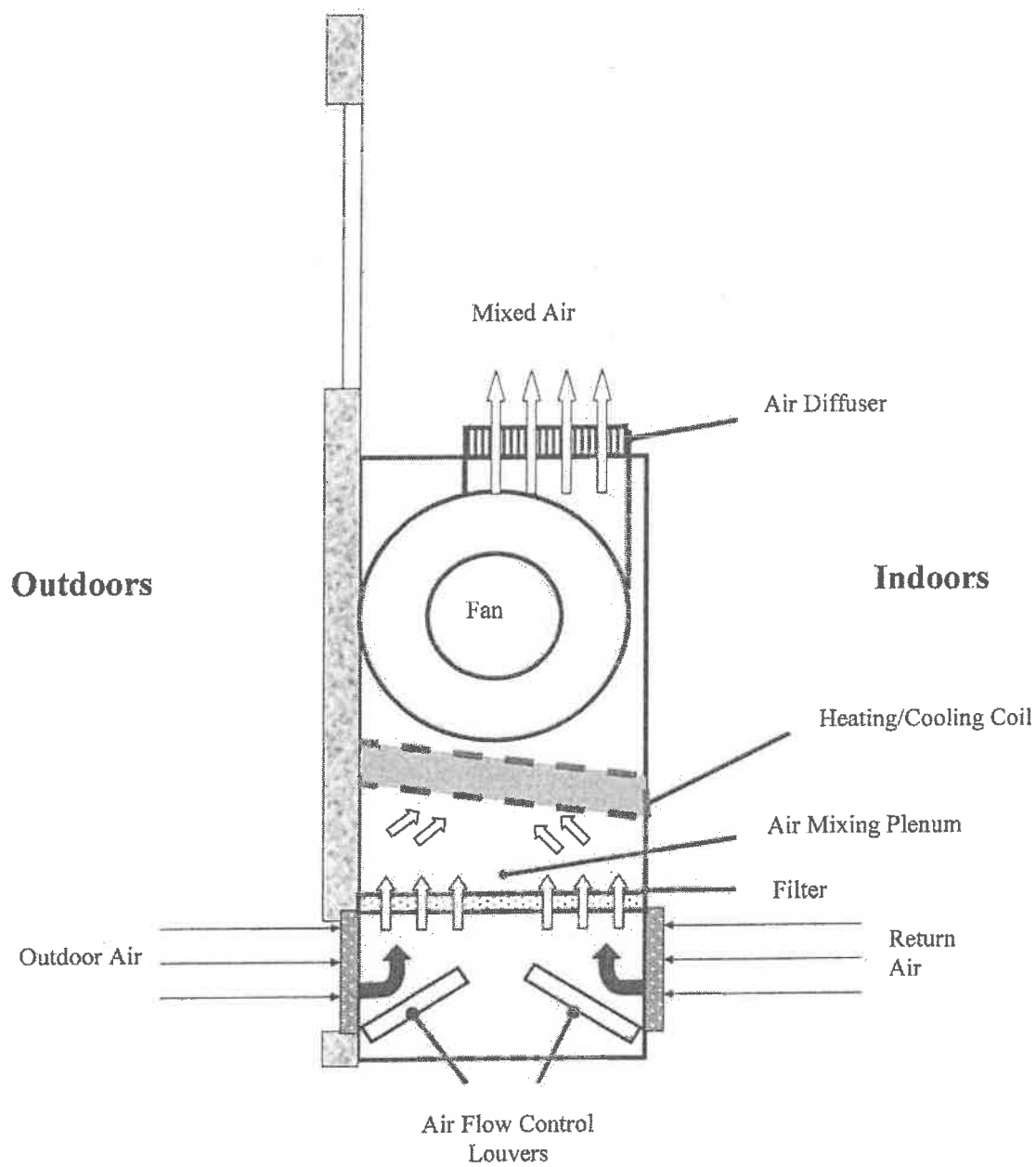


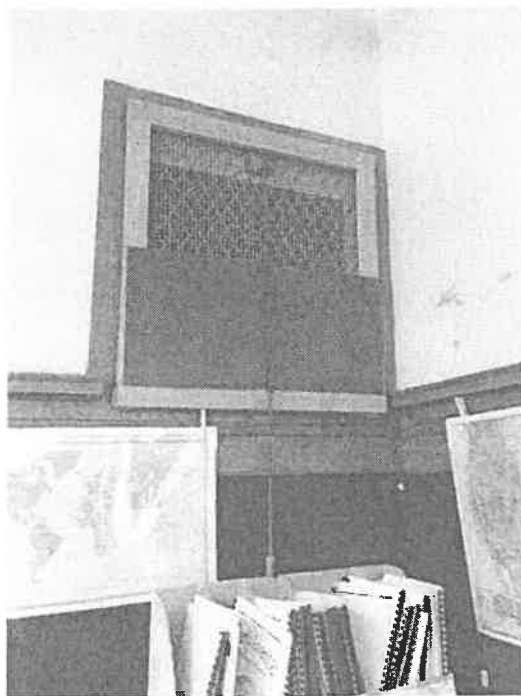
Figure 3: Unit Ventilator (Univent)



Air Flow

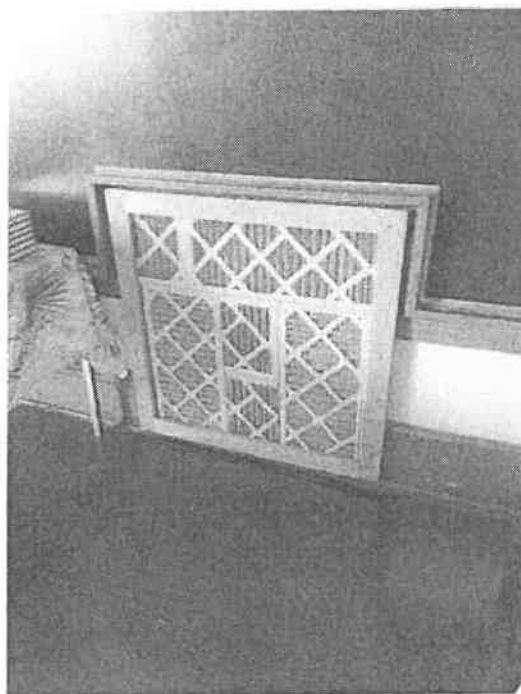
- ← = Fresh air return
- ← = Mixed air

Picture 1



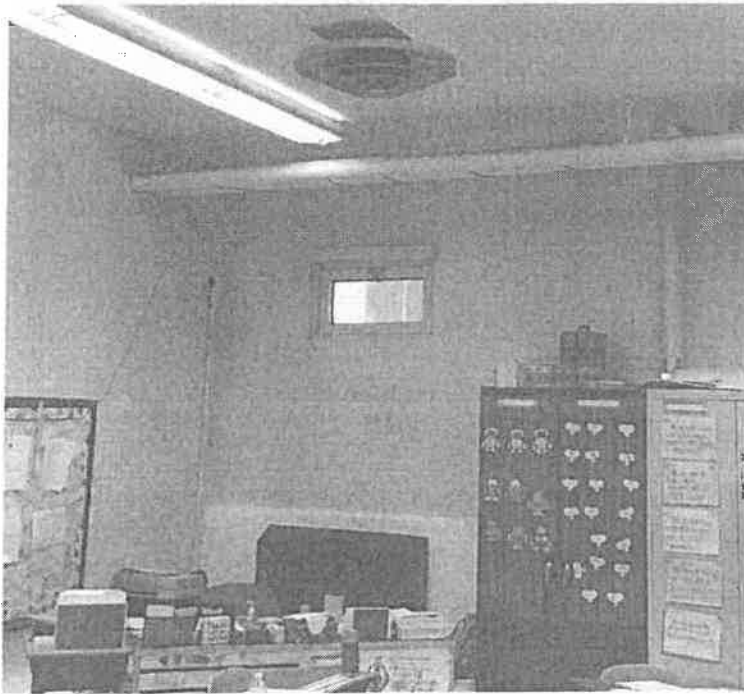
Fresh air supply vent

Picture 2



Return air vent with filters attached

Picture 3



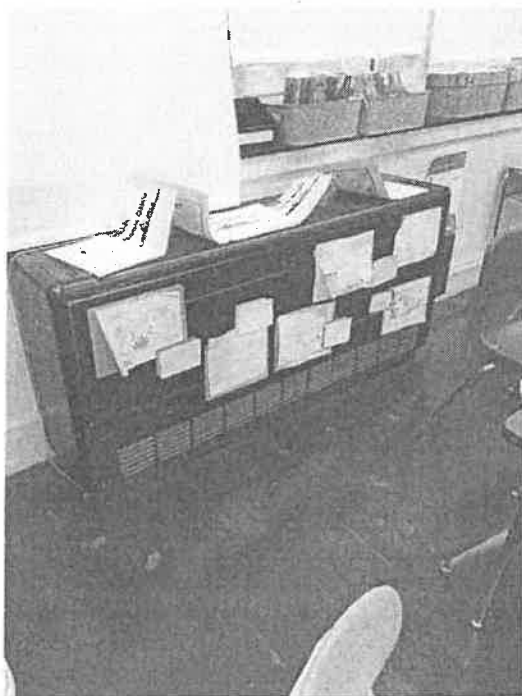
Retrofitted basement fresh air supply and ductwork

Picture 4



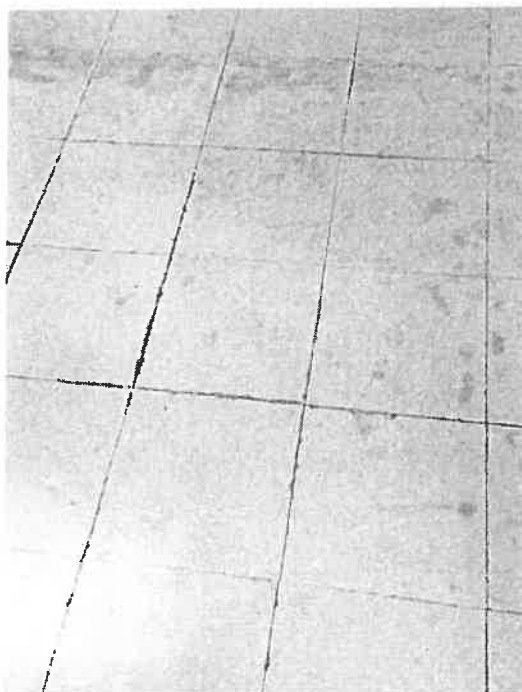
Transom

Picture 5



Unit ventilator (univent)

Picture 6



Water-damaged floor tiles in basement

Picture 7



Stored materials in basement

Picture 8



Stored materials in basement

Picture 9



Former locker room shower area

Location: Columbus Park School

Address: 75 Lovell Street, Worcester, MA

Indoor Air Results
Date: 10/4/2019

Table 1

| Location | Carbon Dioxide (ppm) | Carbon Monoxide (ppm) | Temp (°F) | Relative Humidity (%) | PM2.5 (µg/m³) | Occupants in Room | Windows Openable | Ventilation | | Remarks |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Supply | Exhaust | |
| Background (outside) | 422 | ND | 62 | 72 | 11 | | | | | |
| Special Education | 682 | ND | 70 | 52 | 1 | 2 | N | N | N | |
| Custodian | 786 | ND | 70 | 53 | 1 | 1 | Y | N | N | |
| Teacher's room | 842 | ND | 71 | 51 | 2 | 2 | Y | N | Y | |
| Cafeteria | 1347 | ND | 73 | 56 | 1 | 100+ | Y | Y | Y | |
| Gym | 609 | ND | 70 | 45 | 1 | 20+ | Y | Y | Y | 20+ water-damaged ceiling tiles |
| 101 | 877 | ND | 71 | 54 | 1 | 22 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 105 | 995 | ND | 72 | 52 | 3 | 18 | Y | Y | N | Tennis balls |
| 106 | 1087 | ND | 70 | 52 | 3 | 15 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 108 | 604 | ND | 68 | 49 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | N | |
| 110 | 577 | ND | 70 | 42 | 0 | 1 | Y | Y | N | |

ppm = parts per million µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter ND = non detect

Comfort Guidelines

Carbon Dioxide: 600 - 800 ppm = preferable

> 800 ppm = indicative of ventilation problems

Temperature: 70 - 78 °F

Relative Humidity: 40 - 60%

Location: Columbus Park School

Address: 75 Lovell Street, Worcester, MA

Indoor Air Results

Date: 10/4/2019

Table 1 (continued)

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|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | | Supply | Exhaust | |
| 201 | 878 | ND | 70 | 51 | 1 | 17 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 202 | 748 | ND | 69 | 48 | 2 | 16 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 204A | 796 | ND | 70 | 48 | 1 | 4 | Y | N | N | |
| 205 | 808 | ND | 70 | 49 | 0 | 6 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 206 | 801 | ND | 70 | 49 | 1 | 10 | Y | Y | Y | Upholstered furniture |
| 207 | 802 | ND | 69 | 48 | 1 | 14 | Y | Y | Y | Tennis balls |
| 302 | 764 | ND | 70 | 46 | 0 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 303 | 1336 | ND | 70 | 53 | 1 | 0 | Y | Y | N | Exhaust sealed |
| 305 | 1577 | ND | 71 | 54 | 3 | 2 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 306 | 1810 | ND | 71 | 54 | 1 | 0 | Y | Y | Y | |
| 307 | 1198 | ND | 68 | 52 | 1 | 1 | Y | N | N | |

ppm = parts per million

µg/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter

ND = non detect

Comfort Guidelines

Carbon Dioxide: <800 = preferable

> 800 ppm = indicative of ventilation problems

Temperature: 70 - 78 °F

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