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Don't Sweep It Under the Rug: Address IAQ Today

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April 2016 Newsletter



Spring Has Sprung! It Is Time for School Spring Cleaning

A great way to get your schools ready for spring and keep your indoor air quality (IAQ) healthy and safe is through green cleaning. The goal of green cleaning is to protect the health of staff, students and the environment. The chemicals found in certain standard cleaning products can cause health problems, and when the products contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the associated adverse health effects can provoke asthma, upper respiratory irritation, nasal congestion, dizziness and nausea. Green cleaning products and practices may help avoid these health effects.

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New Report Finds States Need to Allocate More Funding to Provide Safe and Healthy K-12 Schools

School facilities have a direct impact on student learning, student and staff health, and school finances. A new report recently released by the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), 21st Century School Fund, and the National Council on School Facilities titled "State of Our Schools: America's K-12 Facilities" shows that the nation faces a projected annual shortfall of \$46 billion in school funding, despite significant efforts on the part of local communities.

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Healthy Minds, Bodies and Buildings: School Case Study

Even though energy efficiency and cost savings typically are the primary objectives of school building retrofits and renovations, school districts can see an even greater return on their investments by addressing health and safety concerns at the same time. Although many school districts have been accounting for IAQ in their building upgrades for years, EPA's *Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor Air Quality Guidelines for School Building Upgrades* (the Guide) is the first volume of its kind to collect and disseminate best practices in one online resource.

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NEW WEBINAR

June 9, 2016

Know the Drill for Healthy IAQ: Training School Staff and Occupants to Reduce Indoor Asthma Triggers

CONFERENCE

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