

COALITION FOR HEALTHIER SCHOOLS

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 10-11, 2006

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, 4th fl conference room

(bring photo ID for accessing all buildings)

WASHINGTON, DC

WHO SHOULD ATTEND Participants in Coalition for Healthier Schools, and especially those who are advancing local and state policy agendas. CHS participants are defined as all groups and individuals who have endorsed the **national Position Statement 2004/05**.

PROGRAM AGENDA. The DRAFT program was designed by grassroots, state and national leaders to be informative on the hottest topics and to have wide use-- by hands-on local leaders; and by representatives of state and national policy groups actively concerned about children's environmental health, about school personnel health, and about schools as centers of healthy, sustainable communities.

TRAVEL/HOTEL If you or your organization can assist someone who needs a travel stipend, please let us know. Meanwhile, register for the ***US EPA IAQ Tools for Schools Symposium*** that begins Jan. 12th. **Register at <http://www.iaqsymposium.com>**

MEETING LOCATION American Federation of Teachers, 555 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, a short walk from the Union Station Metro stop.

Don't forget the NETWORKING RECEPTION, JAN. 11TH, 5-7 PM at NEA!

***Thank you to AFT, to NEA-HIN, and to all program planners,
presenters, and moderators!***

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

TUES., JAN. 10th, AFT, 555 NJ Avenue, NW, 4th fl conf rm

12 Noon Register **Bring & Enjoy A Brown Bag Lunch** (delis in Union Station and along the walk from Union Station to AFT on New Jersey Avenue)

1-1:30 pm **Self Introductions: bring your literature to table**

1:30—3:15 PM **Healthy, High Performance School Design**

A panel presentation and discussion focusing on facility design and engineering elements that promote occupant health and ease of maintenance. What is CHPS? What is LEED? CAL, MA, NYS, NYC, NJ, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and more are adopting new environmental standards for school design. Who is doing what; what standards are being developed; what essential reforms should this coalition and individual members push?

Panel: Moderator: Tobie Bernstein, Environmental Law Institute; Presenters Bill Jones, US EPA/9; Lindsay Baker/US Green Bldg Council, DC Staff; Kirk Stone, The Jordan Institute on initiatives in the northeast. Panel planners: Stephen Boese/HSN-NYS, Hillary Gross/Global Green, Patrick Miller/The Jordan Inst.

3:30—5:15 PM **Who Protects Children's Health at School?**

How can children be protected from environmental hazards at school? A new (TBA) report from Healthy Schools Network scopes issues and needs, gaps in federal agencies, notes some adult health protections, makes recommendations for services for children/families. Participants should review the report and draft recommendations before the meeting. A draft policy on “**persistently dangerous schools**” (PDS) will be discussed; also, what steps can we take to help EPA ensure the **quality** of its *IAQ Tools for Schools Awardees*.

NOTE- American Public Health Assn's policy development process is open until early March 2006 for new policies and panel presentations for APHA's Fall 2006 annual convention in Boston.

Panel-- Moderator: Darryl Alexander/AFT; Presenters Jerome Paulson, MD, co-Director, Mid-Atlantic Center for Children's Health and the Environment, George Washington, Univ; Claire L. Barnett/HSN on gaps in health services for children; Teresa Westmoreland/Center for School Mold Help on PDS.

Tuesday, January 10th, cont'd

5:15 PM **Guest Speakers, Coffee and Cookies**

Moderator Ramona Trovato, fmr Director, US EPA/Office of Children's Health Protection and HSN Bd Member

**Catherine Brown, Office of Senator Clinton
on School Construction/Design and Energy Initiatives**
**Malcolm Woolf, US Sen. Env and Public Works Cmte
on Kid-Safe Chemical policies**
**Margaret Wetherald, US Sen. Env and public Works Cmte
on Green Buildings initiatives**

7 PM Dinner on your own

WED., JAN. 11th, AFT, 555 NJ Avenue, NW, 4th fl conf rm

8:30 AM Welcome; Self-Introductions; Re-cap of Jan 10th Panels

9:00 to 10:45 AM What is 'Green' Cleaning?

Who sets cleaning product specifications, then evaluates actual products? A round-up of local practitioner and metro-state policy initiatives. Who supports and who opposes green cleaning policies, locally and as state reform? With a NYS Executive Order and law in place, are there new state-metro opportunities? Take home action examples will be offered.

Moderator Denise Bowles/AFSCME; Presenters Mark Petruzzi/GreenSeal on product specifications/evaluations; Carol Westinghouse/INFORM on health effects of common cleaning products; Tolle Graham/MassCOSH & MassHSN on Boston City Schools project; Stacey Gonzalez/CHEJ grassroots opportunities.

For more info: Carol Westinghouse/INFORM, westies@ecosip.com or Stacey Gonzalez/CHEJ, sgonzalez@chej.org. For a copy of the NYS Executive Order or bill text, sboese@healthyschools.org

11 AM-1 PM Federal Update & WRAP UP
Moderator Vernice Miller Travis, Ground Works-USA

Update: White House Inter Agency Schools Group, Tina Dove/Nat'l PTA

WRAP UP:

- 1. Issue focus:** Collaborating to advance policies and build out the base
- 2. Joint Action: National Healthy Schools Day 2006.** Last year there were more than 20 events in 14 states. Name a healthy schools hero; get a local or state resolution on Natl HS School Day in your area; focus on pending legislation; do a school walk through; plan a visit with education officials to discuss children's environmental health; showcase a school improvement;

2-5 PM **Time Reserved for Hill Visits**

Copies of the national Position Statement and letter to Congress on Kid-Safe Katrina Clean-ups will be available as handouts.

5-7 PM **Reception at National Education Association**

Networking time with advocates in the states/cities
Introductory Remarks by Healthy Schools Network
Board Member Ramona Trovato
16th at M Street, NW (enter at 1527 M Street, the side door)

January 12-14, 2006

US EPA *IAQ Tools for Schools* Symposium