

NATIONAL COALITION FOR HEALTHIER SCHOOLS

ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2006

Generously hosted by
American Federation of Teachers
555 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Recommended Hotels: US EPA's *IAQ Tools for Schools Symposium* (Dec 7-9) hotel registration is closed. Google or try hotels.com for space at one of the following nearby hotels suggested by EPA last week: **Marriott at Metro Center:** Has at least 20 rooms available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at either 259 or 269 a night; **JW Marriott:** Has at least 20 rooms available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at \$229 a night; **Renaissance Marriott:** Has at least 20 rooms available Wednesday and Thursday only at 188 (gov't rate) a night.

Travel/Hotel tip: Southwest Air flies into the Baltimore airport (BWI). Hotels are less pricey around BWI. From BWI, take the free shuttle to the train station where you can pick up a \$6.00 MARC (commuter) train into Union Station in DC, then walk to AFT on New Jersey Avenue. Allow 75 minutes between BWI and AFT.

AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Late afternoon: Requested meeting with US EPA's Indoor Environments/Schools Program to discuss the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Awards Program

(Time and Place, TBA)

Dinner: Networking dinner on your own.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

8- 9 AM Coffee/Self-Introductions/Tabling

9- 11 AM Leadership Training and Discussion

Mold: Protecting the Health & Safety of Children and Employees

Panel Organizer/Moderator: Denise Bowles, AFSCME International

Presenters:

Remediation: John Bonnage, Health and Safety Specialist,
CMR,
AFSCME International
Health Effects: *Katrina Zone* School Teacher (AFT confirmed)

More and more schools increasingly confront health and safety problems related to mold. These problems are having a direct impact on children, teachers, and other building occupants. In the absence of specific regulations, there is confusion about the appropriate actions that need to be taken. Inaction and/or poor remediation endangers the health of everyone. The panelists will discuss mold awareness, moisture control and prevention, microbial remediation/guidelines.

Roundtable discussion: health effects of molds. Bring photos, literature, journal/conference proceedings, URL's encouraged.

Suggested focal point of discussion: a controversial article in recent Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology that was later corrected by identifying the two authors' Conflicts of Interest. "The Medical Effects of Mold Exposure," which reviewed scientific literature on the relationship and concluded, among other things, that "evidence does not support the contention that mycotoxin-mediated disease (mycotoxicosis) occurs through inhalation in nonoccupational settings", by Dr. Andrew Saxon and Dr. Abba Terr.

NOTE: Additions or corrections to this panel should be emailed to Denise Bowles/AFSCME at boc@afscme.org

11- 12 noon Leadership Training & ACTION (Part I, continue after lunch)

GREEN CLEANING & National Healthy Schools Day 2007

Green Cleaning in schools is the new hot topic: everyone is doing it!

Organizer: Claire Barnett, Coordinator/CHS, Exec. Dir., HSN will provide a sample wrap-around package for National Healthy Schools Day, including links to free, online green cleaning information. Please bring your own organization's literature to table and to share.

Presenters: HSN-NY Stephen Boese; INFORM- Carol Westinghouse; Mass COSH- Tolle Graham; CHEJ/Green Flag- Sherman Ludwig; Green Seal- (Mark Petruzzi, invited); and, IL Healthy Schools Campaign- Claris Olsen

Continuing our discussion from January 2006 (INFORM, AFSCME, MassCOSH, Green Seal), we will review green product "standards" vs "certifications", then review the existing NGO materials in the field (fact sheets, guides, reports, executive orders, bill texts, etc.) with the goal of setting a collaborative strategy for promoting National Healthy Schools Day and green cleaning reforms.

12 noon – 12:30 PM Lunch Break

12:30 PM Leadership Training & ACTION (Part II)

Green Cleaning & National Healthy Schools Day 2007

Moderated discussion: Agree on draft National Healthy Schools Day Event CRITERIA (to be distributed at the meeting) and brainstorm on local-state-national examples of activities. Set schedule for coordinating calls.

2:00- 3:30 PM FEDERAL INITIATIVES in 2007

Organizer: Darryl Alexander/Am. Fed. of Teachers

Presenters: Bob Canavan, Rebuild America's Schools
(confirmed)

Jerome Ringo, President, Apollo Alliance (invited)

Office of Congressman George Miller- CAL (invited)
Office of Senator Jeffords- VT (invited)

4:00- 5:30 PM NATIONAL STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Ramona Trovato, HSN and CEHN

Boards

Group discussion on developing a collaborative national strategy to advance federal initiatives

ADJOURN to National Education Association's Reception

*NEA
cordially invites
Coalition for Healthier Schools Participants
to join
NEA Members
at
NEA's Annual Pre-EPA Symposium Reception
5-7 PM
1201 16th St., NW
Washington, DC.*

RSVP required by Monday, November 27th

RSVP to Jen Sentar, jsentar@healthyschools.org. We must let NEA know who is coming so they can have *sufficient wine, beer, and other delectables*, and make up name badges.

December 7-9, 2006

US EPA IAQ TOOLS for SCHOOLS SYMPOSIUM

Note — GREEN CLEANING

On Friday, Dec. 8th, there are two afternoon break-out sessions on green cleaning moderated by Steve Ashkin/The Ashkin Group, and including presentations by C. Barnett/HSN, Allan Wakefield (a New York State school facility director and past President of his state association), and Rochelle Davis/IL Healthy Schools Campaign's efforts in Chicago and its new national guide.

<https://www.iaqsymposium.com/index.html>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosts its annual *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools (IAQ TfS)* National Symposium in Washington, DC