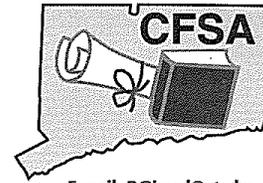




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RE: High Performance Building Standards

To: Whom It May Concern

The 1,100 members of the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators are very concerned over the safety and well being of all our children in our public facilities, especially our schools.

The public at large, whether they are, parents, children, staff, teachers, administrators and visitors to the schools/facilities must be assured that the highest quality building standards were met to achieve a safe and healthy environment.

The state had made great strides in increasing the awareness of quality of life issues as they pertain to a safe and healthy learning and work environment for our children.

We have reviewed the high performance building standards and the suggestions made by the Ct. Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools. We agree with CONNFESS on the suggestions they have made which would further improving the standards for the safety and welfare of all our school children and staff.

We are particularly supportive of the IAQ Management Plan with the mandatory requirements and building standards.

In the 21st Century, we know and have a better understanding of the intricacies of the environment and how these environmental health factors directly affect us both in the short and in the long term. Cognizant of these factors, we believe it is our professional responsibility to strongly support these improved standards.

As caretakers of children and adults in school environments we fully support and encourage the adoption of the CONNFESS suggestions to improve the standards for the safety and welfare of our children and staff in schools which ultimately benefit all of us in the quality of life issues as citizens of the State of Connecticut.

Thank you.

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