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## RE: High Performance Building Standards

To Whom It May Concern:

The Watershed Partnership is a non-profit organization to promote safe, healthy, livable communities in Connecticut.

We have reviewed the high performance building standards and the suggestions made by the Connecticut Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools.

We are in agreement with CONNFESS on the suggestions they have to improve the standards for the safety and welfare of school children and school staff.

In addition, it should be noted that there is already a law in place that bans the use of lawn pesticides from school grounds with children in grades 8 and lower.

Further, it would strengthen the standards if in the section on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) mention would be made that the least toxic and least volatile pesticides be use for pest control.

Respectfully,



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