



Christopher Melillo, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Karen Kaplan, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools

February 25, 2014

Dear Parents and Staff:

The administration of the Hamden Public School District would like to provide you with notification that radon testing will be conducted in all of our school buildings between March 10 and March 31, 2014. According to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 10-220(d), all public schools must inspect and evaluate the indoor air quality in school buildings every five years. This required inspection and re-evaluation of indoor air quality includes evaluation of radon gas.

The purpose of the re-evaluation of indoor air quality is to determine if air quality has changed in the past five years.

A State of Connecticut certified radon consultant will conduct the five-year radon re-evaluation of our school buildings. To re-evaluate buildings for radon in air, a limited number of locations are selected. Small test devices containing charcoal will be placed in ten percent of the occupied rooms that are in contact with the ground. Radon test devices are safe and do not cause any adverse health effects. These devices will be left in place for two to three school days.

The school administration will keep radon test reports on file and inform you of test results and interpretations when all testing has been completed. If elevated levels of radon are found, steps will be taken to reduce radon levels below the United States Environmental Protection Agency action level of 4.0 pCi/L.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding radon testing, please feel free to contact Mark Albanese, Director of Facilities (203-407-2244) or [malbanese@hamden.org](mailto:malbanese@hamden.org) the Quinnipiack Valley Health District (203 248-4528) or the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Radon Program (860-509-7367).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Melillo", is positioned above the typed name.

Christopher Melillo  
Interim Superintendent of Schools