

2023 - 2024 Ventilation Assessment



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Saint Paul Public Schools Creative Arts Secondary School

Assessment Date: 4/13/2023 - 4/14/2023

Project Description

IEA conducted a ventilation inspection in Creative Arts Secondary School by IEA representative, Jack Skluzacek, with the intent of gathering visual observations and overall ventilation information which will assist the District in making informed and proactive decisions to improve and maintain acceptable air quality in the building. This inspection is based upon the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Tools for Schools IAQ guidelines and the recommended Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) portion of a school district's IAQ management plan. Ventilation verification is also recommended by American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

Some observations gathered during the inspection may identify issues which may require additional testing, evaluation, further investigation, or maintenance on the ventilation systems.

The findings, conclusions and recommendations presented herein are believed to be accurate and representative of the building on the date and time of the inspection.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The analysis and opinions expressed in this report are based upon data obtained from Saint Paul Public Schools at the indicated locations. This report does not reflect variations in conditions that may occur across the site, property, or facility. Actual conditions may vary and may not become evident without further assessment.

The report is prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted indoor air quality practices. Other than as provided in the preceding sentence, no warranties are extended or made.

Building Information

General information regarding the building was collected by IEA during an interview with building maintenance staff. The information gathered during this process is a vital component, as it is helpful in determining how these items may play a role in possible IAQ related issues.

Below is a summary of the information gathered during the interview:

- Automation controls are managed internally.
- A Building Automation System is present. The automation control software program is and controls can not be accessed remotely.
- Schedules:

Ventilation operation:

Day:	Occupied?	Start Time:	End Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes		5:00 PM
Saturday	No		
Sunday	No		
Holiday	No		

Typical occupancy:

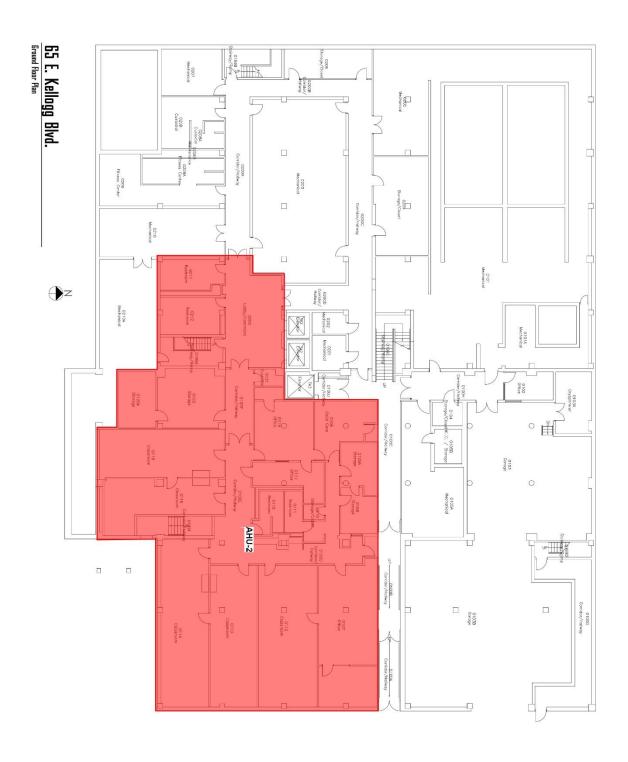
Day:	Occupied?	Start	End
		Time:	Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes	6:30 AM	4:30 PM
Saturday	No		
Sunday	No		
Holiday	No		

- CO2 sensors are not associated with the ventilation system.
- VAVs are present. It is not known whether or not they are fan powered.
- Building does not have variable frequency drives (VFD).
- The heating system is a hot water boiler.
- A cooling system is present and is a chilled water (air cooled) type system.
- Filters used are:

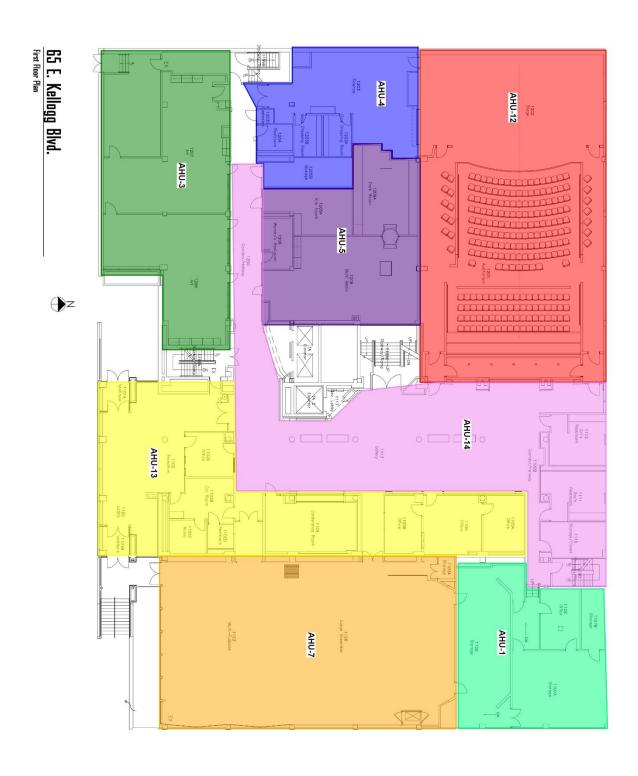
Filter Type	MERV Rating
Pleated	MERV 11

- Filters are changed quarterly.
- Energy Recovery Units are not present.
- Units do not contain system Enhancements.
- Personal air purifiers are supplied for individual rooms. They are Fellowes/AeraMax.
 - Location: Throughout classrooms
- It is not known whether or not the building was commissioned during the original construction.

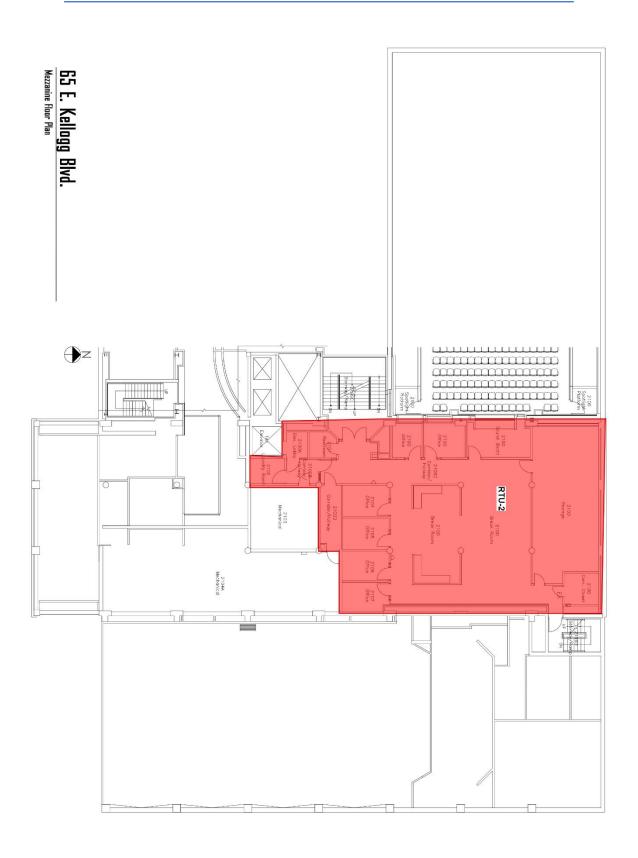
Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: Ground Floor



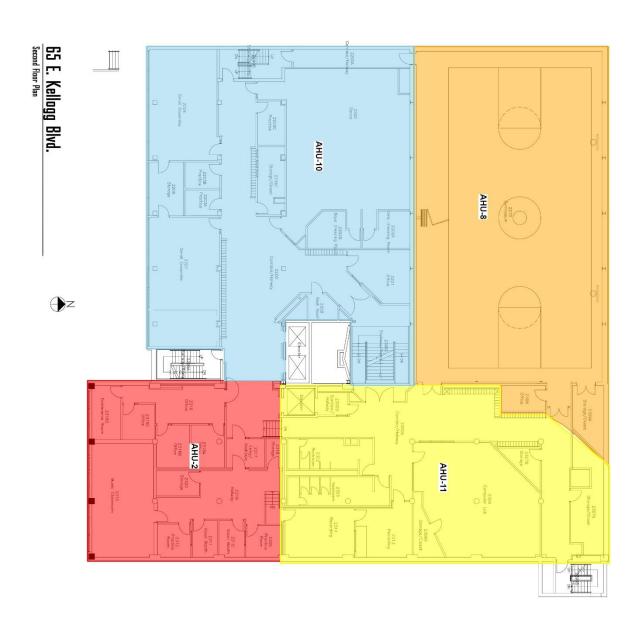
Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 1st Floor



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: Mezzanine



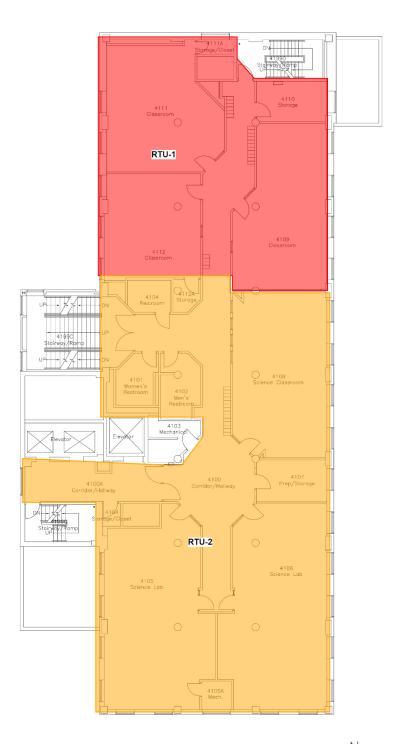
Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 2nd Floor



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 3rd Floor



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 4th Floor

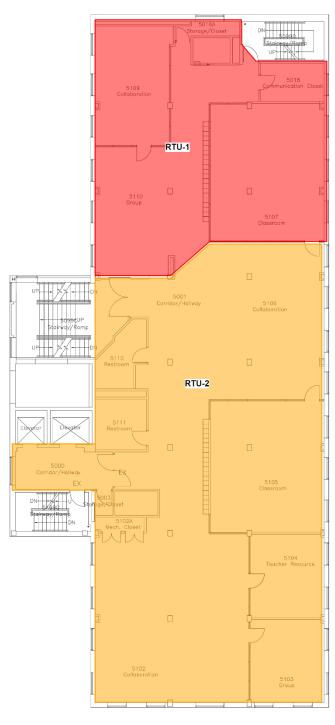




Fourth Floor Plan



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 5th Floor

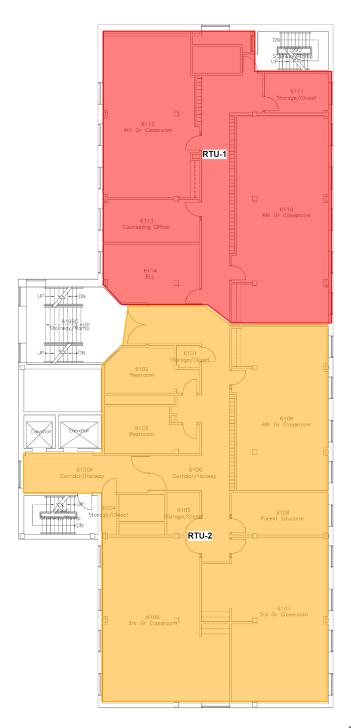


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Fifth Floor Plan



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 6th Floor

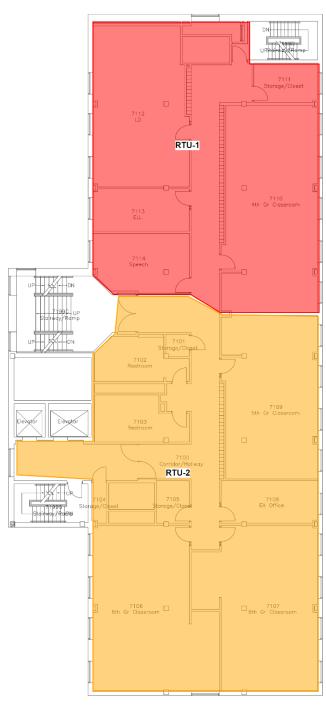




Sixth Floor Plan



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 7th Floor

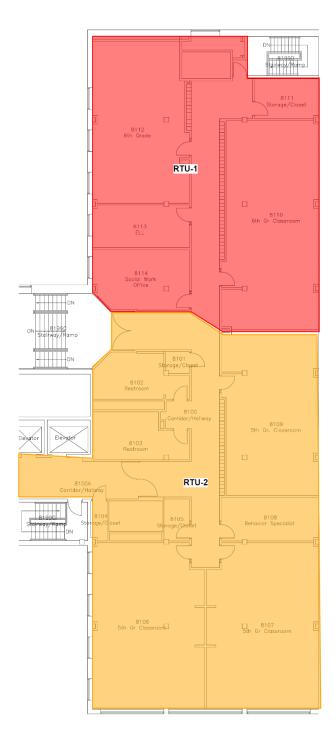


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Seventh Floor Plan



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 8th Floor



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Floor Plan

Assessment

Ventilation System

The following information was gathered by IEA on 4/13/2023 - 4/14/2023 with support from the district building representative during the on-site interview. The type of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system and its assessment is included for each unit below:

Unit Designation:	AHU_01 (100% OA)	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room ground 0203	
Areas Served:	Gallery See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
• Supply System - Constant Volume • Heating - Hot Water • Cooling - Chilled Water • Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Outdoor • Pre-filter: None • Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found.	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed correctly. Return air filters are not present. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is not present. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit D	esignation:	AHU_02	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical Room	
Areas S	Served:	See attached map.	
System	n Enhancements:	None	
Su	upply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Filter 1	Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found.	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed correctly. Return air pre-filters are not present. Return air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Return air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.
•	Type - Return Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_03	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room gro	ound 0203
	as Served: 1st Floor South Classrooms See attached map	
System Enhancements:	:s: None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
 Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None 	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_04	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room ground 0203	
Areas Served:	1FL Science 1203	
	See attached map	
System	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
• Supply System - Constant Volume • Heating - Hot Water • Cooling - Chilled Water • Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed • Pre-filter: None • Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 4 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean.
		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_05	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room gro	ound 0203
Areas Served:	Supplement to AHU- See attached map	04
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit poorly. Mixed air main filters are installed
		The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_07	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room mezzanine (M12)	
Areas Served:	Old Auditorium	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Type</u>	Outdoor air intake is	Outdoor air filters are not present.
 Supply System - 	accessible	
Constant		Return air filters are not present.
Volume	Outdoor air intake is	
		Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters
Water	exterior wall.	are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of
Cooling - Chilled		5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
Water	No nearby pollution	
• Energy	sources were found.	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
Recovery Unit		
(ERU) - None		Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.
	in good condition.	
Filter Type - Mixed		Heat wheels are not present.
Pre-filter: None		
Main filter: Name of MERV		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in
Pleated, MERV 11		good condition.
11		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in
		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean.
		good condition. Interior ducting is clean.
		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
		Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.
		Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
		The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Desig	gnation:	AHU_08	
Location o	of Unit:	Mechanical room	3rd fl playdeck
Areas Serv		Gymnasium See attached map	
System En	hancements:	None	
Suppl	y System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Su Co Vo He W Co Ch En Re (E	upply System - constant colume eating - Hot rater coling - nilled Water nergy ecovery Unit RU) - None e Mixed re-filter: None ain filter: eated, MERV	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 4 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
			Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_10	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 3rd fl playdeck	
Areas Served:	2nd Floor West	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present.
		The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_11	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room	3rd fl playdeck
Areas Served:	2nd & 3rd Floors	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Type</u>	Outdoor air	Outdoor air filters are not present.
Supply SystemConstantVolume	intake is accessible	Return air filters are not present.
Heating - Hot WaterCooling - Chilled Water	Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby	Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 4 out of 5) and fit poorly. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
	•	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
		Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.
Filter Type - Mixed	Outdoor air	
	_	Heat wheels are not present.
Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	condition.	Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition.
		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean.
		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
		Outside damper is inaccessible, and its condition is good.
		Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
		The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_12	
Location of Unit: Mechanical room ground (ound 0205
Areas Served:	Auditorium See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_13	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room n	nezz (M12)
Areas Served:	1st Floor VAVs	
	See attached map	
System	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply Syster	n Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply Syster VAV Heating - I Water Cooling - Chilled Water Energy Recovery (ERU) - Not Filter Type - Mixer Pre-filter: Main filter Pleated, Nat	Hot Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake None is in good condition.	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 4 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good. Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition.
		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is open, and its condition is good. Return damper is closed, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_14	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room m	nezz
	(M12)	
Areas Served:	Gallery	
	See attached map	
System	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
''''	Outdoor air intake is accessible	Outdoor air filters are not present.
- Constant Volume	Outdoor air intake	Return air filters are not present.
Water Cooling - Chilled Water	is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources	Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 4 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
G.	were found.	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
Filter Type - Mixed	Outdoor air intake is in good	Heating coils are clean and cooling coils are clean.
Pre-filter: NoneMain filter:	condition.	Heat wheels are not present.
Pleated, MERV 11		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition.
		Interior ducting is visible. Interior ducting insulation is in good condition. Interior ducting is clean.
		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
		Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.
		Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
		The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit De	esignation:	RTU_01	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room roof	
Areas S	Served:	North	
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	ipply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Туре		Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are not present.
•	Supply System -	is accessible	·
	VAV		Return air filters are not present.
•	-	Outdoor air intake	
•	•		Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters
	Water		are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5)
•	Energy		and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
	•	No nearby	
	(ERU) - None	pollution sources were found.	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
Filter T	ype - Mixed		Cooling coils are clean.
•		Outdoor air intake	
•	Main filter:	_	Heat wheels are not present.
	Pleated, MERV	condition.	
	11		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.
			Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness.
			Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
			Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.
			Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit De	esignation:	RTU_02	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room roof	
Areas S	Served:	South	
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	upply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Туре		Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are not present.
•	Supply System -	is accessible	
	VAV		Return air filters are not present.
•	-	Outdoor air intake	
•	Cooling - Chilled	is located on the	Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters
	Water	roof.	are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5)
•	Energy		and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
	•	No nearby	
	(ERU) - None	pollution sources were found.	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.
Filter T	ype - Mixed		Cooling coils are clean.
•	Pre-filter: None	Outdoor air intake	
•	Main filter:	is in good	Heat wheels are not present.
	Pleated, MERV	condition.	
	11		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.
			Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness.
			Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.
			Outside damper is closed, and its condition is good.
			Return damper is open, and its condition is good.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	RTU_03		
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 3	Brd fl roof	
Areas Served:	Cafeteria		
	See attached map		
System Enhancements:	None	·	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
Туре	Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are not present.	
Supply System -	is accessible	·	
Constant		Return air filters are not present.	
Volume	Outdoor air intake		
 Heating - Gas 	is located on the	Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters	
Fired	roof.	are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of 5)	
 Cooling - Dx 		and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.	
Energy	No nearby		
Recovery Unit	1-	Drain pans are not plugged. Drain pan condition is good.	
(ERU) - None	were found.		
		Heating coil cleanliness is not known and cooling coils are	
Filter Type - Mixed	Outdoor air intake	clean.	
Pre-filter: None	_		
Main filter:	condition.	Heat wheels are not present.	
Pleated, MERV			
11		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.	
		present.	
		Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in	
		an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown	
		cleanliness.	
		Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.	
		Outside damper is open, and its condition is good.	
		Return damper is closed, and its condition is good.	
		The general condition of the unit is good.	

Recommendations

Dirty or poorly fitting filters were observed in units AHU_05 and AHU_11 during the ventilation inspection.

Recommendation: The operations and maintenance program for filter changes should be reviewed and revised to ensure proper filter changes to optimize filtration capacity.

Appendix A

Photo Documentation



AHU_04
Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



AHU_08
Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



AHU_05
Mixed Main Filter Fit



AHU_11
Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



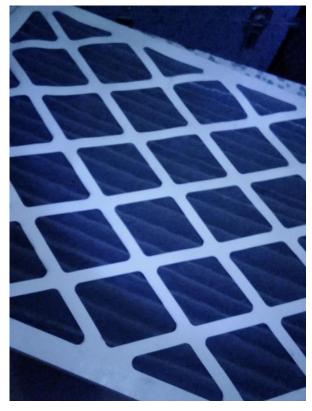
AHU_11
Mixed Main Filter Fit



AHU_14
Mixed Pre-Filter Cleanliness



AHU_13
Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



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