2023 - 2024 Ventilation Assessment



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Saint Paul Public Schools Farnsworth Aerospace Upper

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Project Description

IEA conducted a ventilation inspection in Farnsworth Aerospace Upper by IEA representative, Sashya Wandmaker, 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 Tridium and controls can not be accessed remotely.
- Schedules:

Ventilation operation:

Day:	Occupied?	Start Time:	End Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes	5:00 AM	9:00 PM
Monday- Friday	Yes	6:00 AM	5:00 PM

Typical occupancy:

Day:	Occupied?	Start Time:	End Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes	8:00 AM	6:00 AM
Saturday	No		
Sunday	No		
Holiday	No		

- It is not known whether or not CO2 sensors are associated with the ventilation system.
- VAVs are present. They are fan powered with a None filter.
- Building has variable frequency drives (VFD).
- The heating system is gas-fired.
- A cooling system is not present.
- Filters used are:

Filter Type	MERV Rating
Metal Mesh	N/A
Pleated	MERV 11
Pleated	MERV 13
Pleated	MERV 8

- Filters are changed 3-4 times.
- Energy Recovery Units are not present.
- Units do not contain system Enhancements.
- It is not known whether or not personal air purifiers are supplied for individual rooms.
- It is not known whether or not the building was commissioned during the original construction.

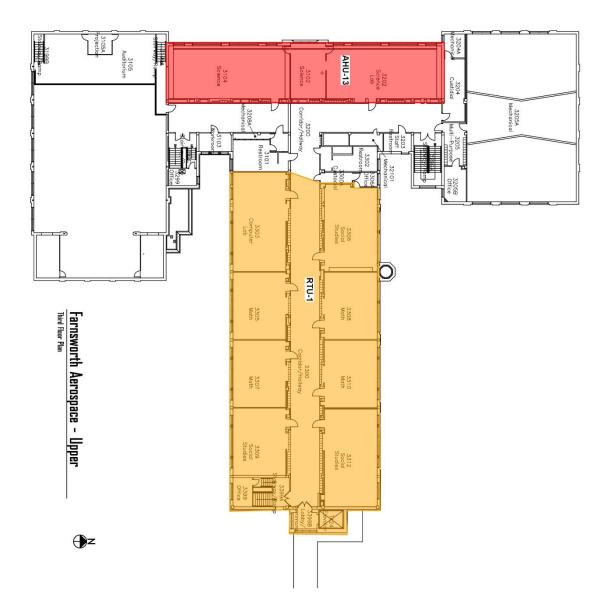
Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 1st Floor



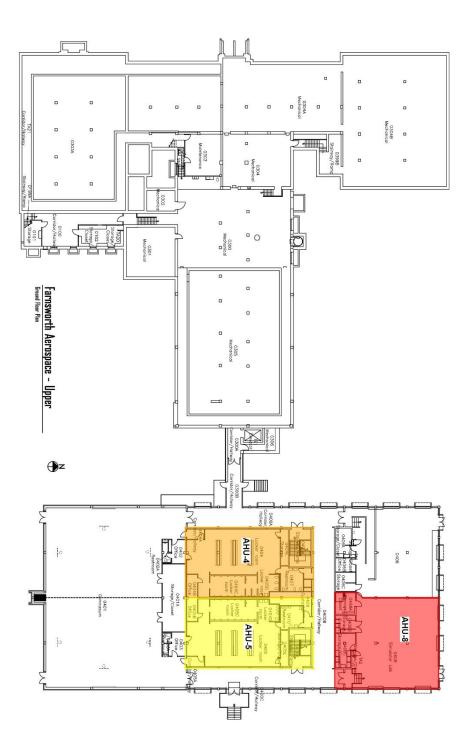
Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 2nd Floor



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 3rd Floor



Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: Ground Floor



Assessment

Ventilation System

The following information was gathered by IEA on Wednesday, April 19, 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	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 1	1401
Areas Served:	Gym 1401 - East See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources	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 pan plugged status is not known. Drain pan condition is not known.
Filter Type - Mixed • Pre-filter: None • Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Heating coils are inaccessible. Heat wheels are not present. 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 inaccessible, and its condition is not known. Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known.

AHU_02	
Mechanical room 1	.401
Gym 1401 - West See attached map	
None	
Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
is accessible	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present.
is located on the roof. No nearby	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
is in good condition.	 Heating coils are inaccessible. Heat wheels are not present. 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 inaccessible, and its condition is not known. Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known. The general condition of the unit is good.
	Mechanical room 1 Gym 1401 - West See attached map None Outdoor Air Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.

Unit Designation:	AHU_03	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 1401	
Areas Served:	Classroom 1402B/0	2
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
 Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy 	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
	is in good condition.	 Heating coils are dirty. Heat wheels are not present. 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 Designation:	AHU_04	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 1401	
Areas Served:	Girls Locker 0404	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
 Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit 	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. No nearby pollution sources	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
Pre-filter: None	is in good condition.	 Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. 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:	AHU_05	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room 1401	
Areas S	erved:	Boys Locker 0405	
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type •	Supply System -		Outdoor air filters are not present.
	Constant Volume		Return air filters are not present.
•	Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None		Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
	Recovery Unit (ERU) - None		Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
Filter T	ype - Mixed Pre-filter: None		Heating coils are inaccessible.
•	Main filter: Pleated, MERV	condition.	Heat wheels are not present.
	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 inaccessible, and its condition is not known.
			Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	AHU_06	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 1401	
Areas Served:	1st Floor NE	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. 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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. 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.

Unit Designation:	AHU_07	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 406	
Areas Served:	Science 406	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type • Supply System - Constant Volume • Heating - Hot	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. 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.

Unit Designation:	AHU_08	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 408	
Areas Served:	Flight Simulator 408	
	See attached map	
System Enhancements:	None	
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None 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	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 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is not 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.

Unit De	esignation:	AHU_09	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room 30	4
Areas S	erved:	Old Bldg - West	
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type • • • •	Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None ype - Mixed	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
			Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

AHU_10	
Mechanical room 2106	
Auditorium - South	
See attached map	
None	
Outdoor Air Cleanliness and Observations	
Outdoor air intake is 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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are inaccessible. Heat wheels are not present. 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.
	Mechanical room 21 Auditorium - South See attached map None Outdoor Air Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake is in good condition.

Unit Designation:	AHU_11	
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 2108, need key for lock	
Areas Served:	Auditorium - North	
	See attached map	
System	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
 Supply System Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Outdoor Pre-filter: 	is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found. Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 3 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed correctly. Return air filters are not present. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are inaccessible. Heat wheels are not present. 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 not present. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit De	esignation:	AHU_12	
Locatio	n of Unit:	Mechanical room 300	
Areas Served:		1st and 2nd Floor We	est
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air Cleanliness and Observations	
Туре		Outdoor air intake is	Outdoor air filters are not present.
•	Supply System -	accessible	
	VAV		Return air filters are not present.
•	Heating - Hot	Outdoor air intake is	
			Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters
•	Cooling - None	exterior wall.	are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 2 out of
•	Energy		5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
	•	No nearby pollution	
	(ERU) - None		Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan
			condition is not known.
Filter Ty	<i></i>	Outdoor air intake is	
•		in good condition.	Heating coils are clean.
•	Main filter:		
	Pleated, MERV		Heat wheels are not present.
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			Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in
			good condition.
			Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is
			in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown
			cleanliness.
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			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 Des	signation:	AHU_13		
Location of Unit: Mech		Mechanical room 32		
Areas Served:		West Science Rooms		
		See attached map		
System I	Enhancements:	None		
	ply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
•	Water Cooling - None Energy	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. No nearby pollution sources were found.	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 applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.	
•	pe - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 8		Heating coils are dirty. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. 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_01	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room DOOR 3300A	
Areas Served:		3rd Floor West	
		See attached map	
System	n Enhancements:	None	
Su	ipply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Туре</u> • •	Supply System - VAV Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Ype - Mixed Pre-filter: None	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the unit. 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 1 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. Heating coils are dirty. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition. 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:	MAU_01 (100% OA	A)
Locatio	on of Unit:	Outdoors near door 4, in back parking lot	
Areas Served:		Kitchen	
		See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Type</u>			Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main
•	Supply System - Constant		filters are clean and not in need of replacement (scoring 1 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are installed
•		Outdoor air intake is located on the	correctly.
•	Water Cooling - None	unit.	Return air filters are not present.
•	Recovery Unit		Drain pan plugged status is not known. Drain pan condition is not known.
			Heating coils are inaccessible.
Filter T	Pre-filter: None	Outdoor air intake is in good condition.	Heat wheels are not present.
	Metal Mesh, N/A		Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in good condition.
			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 not present.
			The general condition of the unit is good.

Recommendations

Dirty Coils were observed on units AHU_03, AHU_13 and RTU_01 during the ventilation inspection.

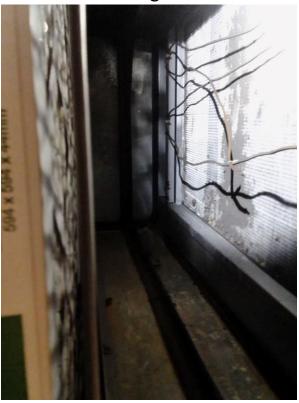
Recommendation: Impacted/dirty coils can result in poor ventilation air supply as well as be a source for mold and bacterial growth on the coils. Coils should be cleaned annually, or as needed, as identified in the operations and maintenance program.

Appendix A

Photo Documentation



AHU_03 Heating Coils



AHU_13 Heating Coils



AHU_11 Outdoor Main Filter Cleanliness



RTU_01 Heating Coils