#### 2023 - 2024 Ventilation Assessment



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## Saint Paul Public Schools The Heights Community School

Assessment Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023

#### **Project Description**

IEA conducted a ventilation inspection in The Heights Community School 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	5:30 AM	6:00 PM
Saturday			
Sunday			
Holiday			
Notes: Building engineer unsure about weekends and breaks.			

Typical occupancy:

Day:	Occupied?	Start Time:	End Time:
Monday- Friday	Yes	7:00 AM	3:30 PM
Saturday	No		
Sunday	No		
Holiday	No		

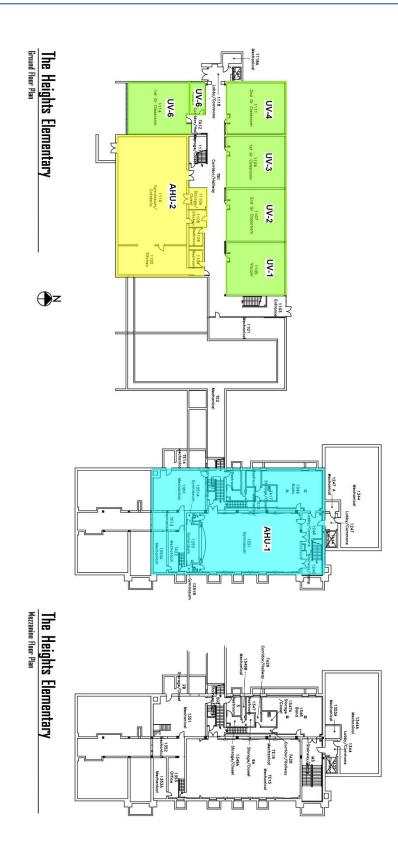
- CO2 sensors are associated with the ventilation system. They are located within rooms. The highest CO2 setpoint is unknown.
- VAVs are present. It is not known whether or not they are fan powered.
- Building has variable frequency drives (VFD).
- The heating system is gas-fired.
- A cooling system is present and is a Dx type system.
- Filters used are:

#### Filter Type MERV Rating

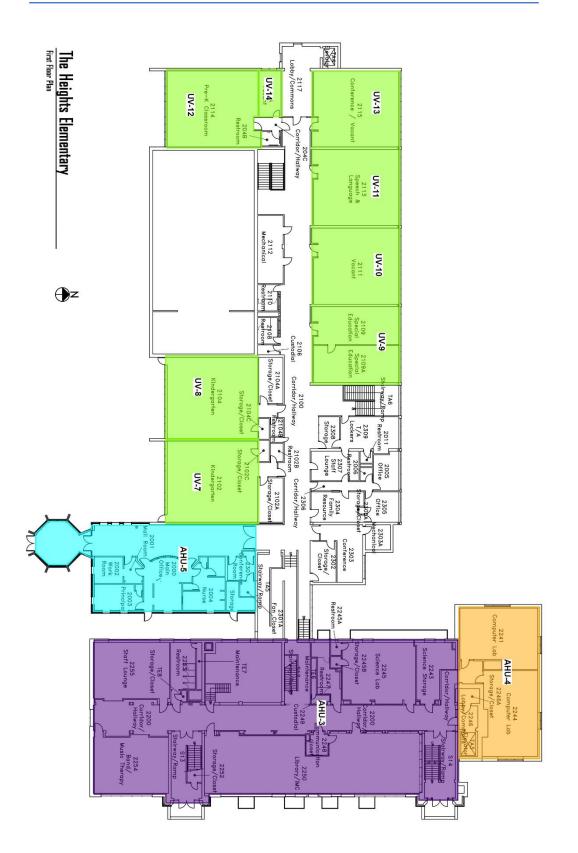
Pleated MERV 11

- 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 Winix, 3M/Plasmawave 2.0, filtrete .
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Location: Classrooms with poor air flow, health office
- It is not known whether or not the building was commissioned during the original construction.

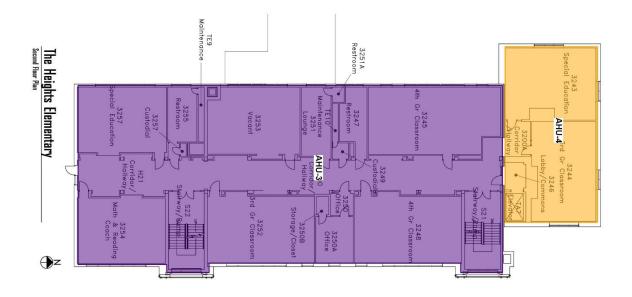
### Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: Ground Floor



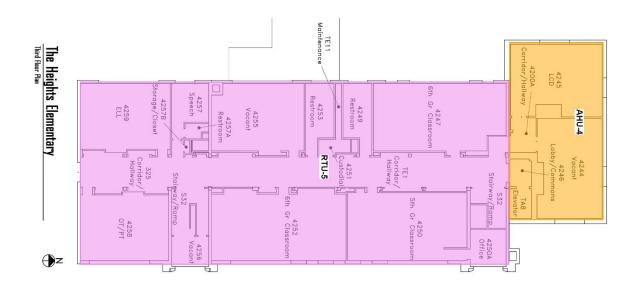
### Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 1st Floor



### Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 2nd Floor



### Air Handling Unit Designations & Service Zones: 3rd Floor



#### Assessment

#### **Ventilation System**

The following information was gathered by IEA on Thursday, April 6, 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 De	t Designation: AHU 01		
Location of Unit: Mechanical room 1351a		1351a	
Areas S	erved:	Old Gym See attached map	
System	Enhancements:	None	
Suj	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Type</u> •	Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot	accessible	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air pre-filters are not present. Mixed air main filters are
•	Water Cooling - None Energy	intake is located	somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 3 out of 5) and fit well. Mixed air main filters are installed correctly.
Filter Ty	(ERU) - None ype - Mixed	pollution sources were found.	Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.
•	Pre-filter: None Main filter:	Outdoor air intake is in good	Heating coils are clean.
	Pleated, MERV 11	condition.	Heat wheels are not present.
			Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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 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 02		
Location of Unit:	Mechanical room 2112 Cafeteria/Gym See attached map		
Areas Served:			
System Enhancements:	None		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
• Supply System - Constant Volume	is accessible	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present.	
<ul> <li>Heating - Hot Water</li> <li>Cooling - None</li> <li>Energy</li> </ul>	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.	
Recovery Unit (ERU) - None	pollution sources were found.	Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known.	
Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11		<ul> <li>Heating coils are clean.</li> <li>Heat wheels are not present.</li> <li>Exterior ducting is visible. Exterior ducting insulation is not present.</li> <li>Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness.</li> <li>Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals.</li> <li>Outside damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known.</li> <li>Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not known.</li> <li>The general condition of the unit is good.</li> </ul>	

Unit D	esignation:	AHU 03	
Location of Unit:		Mechanical room 1351, ceiling (filters) and in 1352 (motor and supply ducting)	
Areas S	Served:	Old Building See attached map	
System	n Enhancements:	None	
Su	upply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
<u>Type</u> • •	Supply System Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Hot Water Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None <b>Type - Mixed</b> Pre-filter: None Main filter: Pleated, MERV 11	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.	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 visible. Interior ducting insulation is not present. Interior ducting is clean. 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 04		
Location of Unit:		Mechanical room 1344a		
Areas S	erved:	North Addition See attached map		
System	Enhancements:	None		
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
Type • • • • •	(ERU) - None <b>ype - Mixed</b> Pre-filter: None Main filter:	accessible Outdoor air intake is located on the roof. 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 3 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 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 inaccessible, and its condition is not known.	
			The general condition of the unit is good.	

Unit Designation:		AHU 05		
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room 2301a		
Areas S	Served:	South Addition See attached map		
System	Enhancements:	None		
Su	ipply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
Type • • • •	Water Cooling - Dx Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None <b>Type - Mixed</b> Pre-filter: None Main filter:	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 pan plugged status is not known. Drain pan condition is good. 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 inaccessible, and its condition is not known.	
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Unit Designation:		RTU 04 (100% OA	)	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room 4256 roof hatch		
Areas S	Served:	North Addition		
		See attached map		
System	 I	None		
Enhanc	ements:			
Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
Туре		Outdoor air	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters	
•	Supply System	intake is	are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement	
	- Constant	accessible	(scoring 4 out of 5) and fit well. Outdoor air main filters are	
	Volume	Outdoor air	installed correctly.	
•	0		Return air filters are not present.	
•	Cooling - None		Neturn an inters are not present.	
•	Energy		Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan	
		No nearby	condition is not known.	
	(ERU) - None	pollution sources		
	<b>、</b>	•	Heating coils are clean.	
Filter T	<u>ype - Outdoor</u>			
•	Pre-filter: None	Outdoor air	Heat wheels are not present.	
•	Main filter:	intake is in good		
	Pleated, MERV 11	condition.	Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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.	

Unit D	esignation:	RTU 05 (100% OA)	
Locatio	on of Unit:	Mechanical room 2308, on roof	
Areas	Served:	South addition	
		See attached map	
Systen	n	None	
Enhan	cements:		
Su	ipply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Туре		Outdoor air	Outdoor air pre-filters are not present. Outdoor air main filters
•	Supply System	intake is	are somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement
	- Constant	accessible	(scoring 3 out of 5) and fit poorly. Outdoor air main filters are
	Volume		installed correctly.
•	0	Outdoor air	
			Return air filters are not present.
•	Cooling - None		
•	Energy		Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan
	•	/	condition is not known.
	· ·	pollution sources	
		were found.	Heating coils are clean.
	Type - Outdoor		
•	Pre-filter: None		Heat wheels are not present.
•	Main filter: Pleated, MERV	intake is in good	Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in
	11		Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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.

Uni	it De	esignation:	gnation: FCU 01	
Loc	atio	n of Unit:	f Unit: 2104C inside storage closet	
Are	eas S	erved:	2102A and 2102A	
			See attached map	
Sys	stem	Enhancements:	None	
	Su	pply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Тур	<u>e</u>		Outdoor air intake	Outdoor air filters are not present.
	•	Supply System -	is inaccessible	
		Constant		Return air filters are not present.
			Outdoor air intake	
	•	0		Mixed air pre-filters are of unknown cleanliness and fit is
				unknown. Mixed air pre-filters are installed but it is unknown
	•	Cooling - None		whether they are installed correctly. Mixed air main filters are
	•	0,		inaccessible and fit is unknown. Mixed air main filters are
		•		installed but it is unknown whether they are installed
		(ERU) - None	pollution sources.	correctly.
Cil+	or T	ype - Mixed	Condition of the	Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan
	•	Pre-filter:		condition is not known.
	•		is not known.	
	•	Main filter:		Heating coils are inaccessible.
		Inaccessible		
				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.
				Access to the air handling room is blocked
				Access to the air handling room is blocked.
				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:	FCU 02		
Location of Unit:	2102C storage closet ceiling		
Areas Served:	Rooms 2102A & 2104A		
	See attached map		
System Enhancements:	None		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
Type         • Supply System - Constant Volume         • Heating - None         • Cooling - None         • Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None         Filter Type - Mixed         • Pre-filter: Inaccessible         • Main filter: Inaccessible	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is	Outdoor air filters are not present. Return air filters are not present. Mixed air filters are of unknown cleanliness and fit is unknown. Mixed air filters are installed but it is unknown whether they are installed correctly. Drain pans are not applicable or not present. Drain pan condition is not known. 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 good condition. Interior ducting is of unknown cleanliness. Air handling room is free of trash/chemicals. Outside damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not Return damper is inaccessible, and its condition is not	

Unit Designation:	UV 2115		
Location of Unit:	2115		
Areas Served:	2115		
System Enhancements:	None		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
<ul> <li>Type</li> <li>Supply System <ul> <li>Constant</li> <li>Volume</li> </ul> </li> <li>Heating - <ul> <li>Steam</li> <li>Cooling - None</li> </ul> </li> <li>Energy <ul> <li>Recovery Unit</li> <li>(ERU) - None</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Outdoor air intake is accessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. Outdoor air intake has a nearby pollution source: Above parking lot Outdoor air intake is in	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	

Unit Designation:	UV 2111	
Location of Unit:	2111	
Areas Served: 2111		
•	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Steam Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None Filter Type - Mixed Pre-filter:	Outdoor air intake is inaccessible Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall.	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 3 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 poor. Heating coils are clean. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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 inaccessible, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good.

Unit Des	signation:	UV 2114	
Locatior	n of Unit:	2114	
Areas Se	erved:	2114	
System		None	
Enhancements:			
Sup	ply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
• • Filter Ty •	Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Steam Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None	inaccessible 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 somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 3 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 not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. Interior ducting is not visible. Interior ducting insulation is in an unknown condition. 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 good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good. The general condition of the unit is good.

Unit Designation:	UV 1111		
Location of Unit:	1111		
Areas Served:	1111		
System Enhancements:	None		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations	
<ul> <li>Supply System - Constant Volume</li> <li>Heating - Steam</li> <li>Cooling - None</li> <li>Energy Recovery Unit (ERU) - None</li> </ul> Filter Type - Mixed	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 dirty. Heat wheels are not present. Exterior ducting is not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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 inaccessible, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good.	

Unit Designation:	UV 1107	
Location of Unit:	1107	
Areas Served:	1107	
System	None	
Enhancements:		
Supply System	Outdoor Air	Cleanliness and Observations
Type Supply System - Constant Volume Heating - Steam Cooling - None Energy Recovery Unit	Outdoor air intake is located on an exterior wall. Outdoor air intake has a nearby pollution source: Above parking lot 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 somewhat dirty and on the border of needing replacement (scoring 3 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 not visible. Exterior ducting insulation is in an unknown 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 inaccessible, and its condition is good. Return damper is open, and its condition is good.

#### **Recommendations**

Dirty Coils were observed on units AHU 05, UV 1111 and UV 2114 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.

The drain pan for unit UV 2111 was plugged or damaged at the time of the site inspection.

**Recommendation:** Damage to the drain pan should be repaired, or the drain pan should be inspected more frequently to ensure that it does not become plugged.

Dirty or poorly fitting filters were observed in unit RTU 05 (100% OA) 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.

Excessive storage and/or chemical storage were observed in the mechanical equipment room(s) during the site inspection.

**Recommendation:** Excessive storage can block access to the ventilation equipment and prevent proper maintenance, filter changes and inspections. Stored items can potentially impact the operation of the systems and limit their ability to properly ventilate.

Chemicals stored in the mechanical room can result in odors or chemicals introduced into the ventilation air and impact the IAQ of building occupants.

# Appendix A

**Photo Documentation** 



AHU 01 Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



AHU 05 Heating Coils



AHU 04 Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



AHU 05 Cooling Coils



RTU 04 (100% OA) Outdoor Main Filter Cleanliness



RTU 05 (100% OA) Outdoor Main Filter Fit



RTU 05 (100% OA) Outdoor Main Filter Cleanliness



FCU 01 Air Handling Room



UV 2111 Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



UV 2114 Heating Coils



UV 2114 Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness



UV 1111 Heating Coils



UV 1107 Mixed Main Filter Cleanliness