

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: April 25, 2024
TOPIC: #6.9 - 2024 Radon Test Results
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REFERENCE TO POLICY/STATUTE: 807 Health and Safety

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To communicate results of radon testing that was conducted in February of 2024.

B. RECOMMENDATION

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) require radon test results be shared with the school board.

SoWashCo is currently on a schedule to test a portion of the buildings every year creating a 3-year continuous rotation. While radon testing is not required in Minnesota schools, MDH, MDE, as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) highly recommend it and link safety funding to it.

The following buildings were tested this year:

- Bailey Elementary
- Grey Cloud Elementary
- Liberty Ridge Site II
- Middleton Elementary
- Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion School
- District Program Center/Alternative High School
- Valley Crossing Elementary

The tests were conducted by a licensed radon professional and administered following standards in ANSI/AARST's "Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Multifamily, Schools, Commercial, and Mixed-Use Buildings." MDH has set the action level for radon mitigation at concentrations above 4.0 picoCuries per liter of air (pCi/L).

I am pleased to report that every building and room tested *below* the recommended action level of 4.0 pCi/L. Laboratory reports are available upon request and will be added to the district website. Results will also be reported to MDH, per their guidelines.

C. CONNECTION TO STRATEGIC PRIORITY

- a. Operations, Staffing, and Finance