



Mr. Ron Clark
Indiana Department of Health
2 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

February 14, 2025

RE: Response to Indoor Air Quality Report regarding GEO Next Generation Academy Facility (4010 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN) #MB3 99 RDC 607

Dear Mr. Clark:

Please let this serve as GEO Next Generation Academy's Response to the above-referenced Report.

Summary of December 11, 2024, Site Visit and December 17, 2024, Report #MB3 99 RDC 607

The Report accurately summarizes the scope of the site visit and the evaluation that took place during the site visit. The site visit was arranged following a complaint requested by a concerned citizen regarding a musty odor in Room 301; this Room 301 was designed as and is currently used as a science classroom and is equipped with a concrete floor, working sinks, and floor drains. During the site visit, there was no noticeable odor identified by any of the attendees. The Indiana Department of Health took air quality samples and concluded in the Report:


1. The indoor fungal (mold) and bacteria concentrations in the air in Room 301 were lower than the counts of mold and bacteria outdoors. From page 2 of the Report: "There was no odor in room 301 and our sample results did not indicate that there was an issue with mold."
2. 410 IAC 33-4-2 states "(a) Outdoor air shall be supplied to classrooms when occupied. (b) carbon dioxide concentrations in the breathing zone shall never exceed 700 ppm over the outdoor concentration" We understand that the HVAC system was down for room 300 but the carbon dioxide was also elevated in room 407. The damper settings should be checked to ensure that sufficient outside air is being supplied to the classrooms.
3. 410 IAC 33-4-6 (b) states "Scented candles and air fresheners are not to be used in classrooms." An air freshener was being used in one of the classrooms. Please notify teachers and staff that these are asthma triggers and are not allowed in classrooms. This includes atomizers and diffusers for essential oils.
4. GEO Next Generation Academy was directed to post the IDOH Report within 5 working days of its receipt at the school and on the school's website for a period of 14 days;

similarly, this Response is to be posted at the school's location and on the school's website within 5 working days of its submission to IDOH, for a period of 14 days.

GEO Next Generation Academy's Response to Report #MB3 99 RDC 607

1. With reference to items 1 and 2 of the Report, GEO Next Generation Academy contacted North Mechanical in reference to the HVAC room units in rooms 300 and 301 and commissioned repairs of those units and adjustments to unit settings to improve the availability of outside air to those rooms with the aim of lowering the slightly elevated carbon dioxide levels. In addition, the classroom doors to those rooms will be left open whenever feasible to promote air circulation and lower concentrations of carbon dioxide.
2. With reference to item 3 of the Report, GEO Next Generation Academy Principal, Tiffany Evans, notified all school staff on December 11, 2024, to cease using scented candles and air fresheners in classrooms. All such items were removed from classrooms and this directive continues to remain in effect.
3. GEO Next Generation Academy posted the Report at the school location and on the school's website, <https://www.geonextgenacademy.org/resources-reports>, from December 18, 2024 to January 15, 2025.
4. GEO Next Generation Academy will post this Response at the school location and on the school's website, <https://www.geonextgenacademy.org/resources-reports>, within 5 working days of submission of this Response, for a period of at least 14 days.

Sincerely,



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