Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Environmental Safety

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide a safe and healthy environment at school facilities for students, staff and community members. The Board shall identify and address potential risks to health and the environment and shall ensure that environmental resources are used in a responsible manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations to prevent and/or reduce environmental hazards in accordance with law and state guidelines. Strategies shall include but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Considering air quality in the sitting and architectural design of new or remodeled facilities and in the selection of building materials and furnishings, and taking steps to reduce indoor air contaminants in maintenance operations

2. Ensuring the use of effective least toxic pest management practices at all District schools

3. Minimizing the exposure to lead in paint, soil or drinking water, especially in areas accessible to very young children

4. Inspecting and testing facilities for asbestos-containing materials and protecting persons during encapsulation and removal of any asbestos

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians, as appropriate, if an environmental hazard is discovered at a school site. The notification shall detail the District's efforts to remedy the hazard.

(Legal Reference on next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17366 Legislative intent (fitness of buildings for occupancy)
17582 Deferred maintenance fund
17590 Asbestos abatement fund
17608-17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000
32240-32245 Lead-Safe Schools Protection Act
48980.3 Notification of pesticides
49410-49410.7 Asbestos materials containment or removal

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

11401-12408 Pest Control Operations and Agricultural Chemicals
13180-13188 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation; right to negotiate safety conditions

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

340-340.3 Employer's obligation to provide safety information
1532.1 Construction safety orders, lead standard
5142 Heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems; minimum ventilation
5143 Mechanical ventilating systems; inspection and maintenance

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

35001-35099 Accreditation in Lead Abatement Services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 7

136-136y Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodentcide Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 15

2641-2656 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 40

763.93 Management Plans
763.94 Record keeping