BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Safety: Testing, Maintenance, reporting -Radon, Mold, Lead, etc.

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement all safety programs required by state or federal law or regulation regarding radon, mold, lead or other substances potentially hazardous to building occupants or public health. In compliance with applicable law, the Superintendent or designee will provide appropriate notice to staff, students, families and the public regarding such programs.

A. Radon testing and measurement

In accordance with applicable state and federal law, school buildings and additions ~~opened for~~ in operation after July 1, 1994, shall be tested for radon pursuant to such United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) procedures and regulations prescribed by the Virginia Board of Education. Each school shall maintain files of its radon test results and make such files available for review. The Superintendent or designee shall report radon test results to the Virginia Department of Health.

B. Mold testing and reporting

In accordance with applicable state and federal law and regulation, the School Division will develop and implement plans to test, and if necessary, remediate mold in School Division buildings and facilities. The School Board shall submit such testing plan to the Department of Health and take all steps necessary to notify school staff and the parents of all enrolled students if tests indicates the presence of mold in a public school building at or above the normal level that raises concerns for the health of building occupants by the Department of Health.

C. Potable water- lead testing and reporting

In accordance with applicable state and federal law and regulation, the School Division will develop and implement plans to test, and if necessary, remediate potable water from sources identified as high priority for testing. Such plans will be consistent with guidance promulgated by federal and state agencies. All steps necessary to notify parents will be taken if testing results indicate lead contamination that exceeds 10 parts per billion.~~, or otherwise if laws or regulations are amended will be taken.~~

D. Other potentially hazardous substances in public schools or facilities

As required by state or federal law or regulation, the Superintendent or designee will implement testing, maintenance and remediation programs regarding other potentially hazardous substances in public schools.

E. Reporting

The Superintendent or designee is directed to implement ~~take~~ all ~~steps~~ necessary actions to notify school staff and the families of all enrolled students if applicable environmental testing results in School Division buildings or facilities are at or above established ~~minimum~~ levels that raise a concern for health of building occupants or as otherwise determined by state or federal agencies. The School Board will be promptly ~~timely~~ informed if various environmental ~~when~~ testing results indicate a level of concern~~s~~.

Legal Reference

Code of Virginia § 22.1-135.1, as amended. Potable water; lead testing.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-138, as amended. Minimum standards for public school buildings.

Code of Virginia § 32.1-229.01, as amended. Companies listed as proficient to perform radon screening, testing or mitigation; compliance.

Code of Virginia § 32.1-299.01:1, as amended. Action for damages.

Code of Virginia § 22.1-135, as amended. Health and decency.

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