

**DATE:** March 10, 2025

**TITLE:** Review of 2025 Short-term Radon Testing Results

**TYPE**: Information

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## **BACKGROUND:**

Our vendor, The Institute for Environmental Assessment, Inc. (IEA) placed three hundred forty-two (342) air check pro chek short term radon testing kits in two hundred ninety (290) locations in the following buildings for the purpose of evaluating radon levels:

Banfield Elementary- 59 locations Neveln Elementary- 32 locations

Oakland Education Center- 50 locations On-Track Career Center- 2 locations

Southgate Elementary- 64 locations Sumner Elementary- 33 locations

Wescott Athletic Complex - 9 locations Woodson Education Center- 41 locations

Per Minnesota Statues, section 123B.571, school districts are required to report radon <u>test results</u> at a school board meeting and report results to MDH.

## **RATIONALE:**

The MDH and EPA have established a recommended action level in intended to be occupied areas of 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) for an annual average. Testing was conducted during the school days when the building is significantly occupied, and the HVAC system was set on a normal occupied operating schedule.

Wescott Athletic Complex was not tested under the above conditions as the locker rooms and concession areas are not occupied during the winter season.

Oakland Education Center and Wescott Athletic Complex were the two locations that came back with elevated results. Next steps will be for those two locations to 1) have their fresh air intake increased and 2) we will have CRM detectors placed in the building during spring break to allow us to gather more data on what time and day the levels are elevated.

**RECOMMENDATION:** For informational purposes.