

**School Board Workshop:**

**June 23, 2014**

**Subject:**

**Radon Testing Summary**

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

No action required

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Health recommend that schools test for radon levels in all school buildings. Radon testing is currently optional for school districts. However, according to Minnesota Statute 123B.571, in order to receive funding through health and safety for radon testing, school districts have to report the results to the school board in order to receive funding. To that end, we have tested all of our buildings over the last several years and recently received reports back on some of the more recent test results. Currently, all testing done shows acceptable levels of radon gas in all sites tested. We did have to do some retesting at Hanover Elementary in 2012 and one room at Discovery Elementary in 2011. After modifying the settings on our HVAC system and subsequent retesting, all levels tested below the recommendations. The MDH recommends periodic retesting every 5 years for sites that have tested with acceptable levels. We will be testing the high school this year since it has not been tested to date. We will also need to re-test Parkside Elementary since the best practice suggests retesting after any remodeling or building modifications. That additional testing will ensure that all buildings have been tested and found to be within the recommended levels.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

-Radon Testing Summary 6.18.14