



## Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program

Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

### INDOOR AIR QUALITY TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS UPDATE

#### News & Events

- **Register today for the IAQ Tools for Schools National Symposium:** December 4 – 6, 2008, in Washington, DC! Visit [www.iaqsymposium.com](http://www.iaqsymposium.com) to learn more about this exciting event! This year's symposium will offer more networking time than ever before. Don't miss this opportunity!
- **Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program:** [CARE](#) is a competitive grant program that offers communities an innovative way to address the risks from multiple sources of pollutants in their environment. Through CARE, local organizations including non-profits, businesses, schools, and governments create partnerships that implement local solutions to minimize people's exposure to toxic pollutants. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/care>.

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#### Fall into Children's Health Month This October

October is [Children's Health Month](#), the perfect time to make your school staff, teachers, parents, and communities aware of the effects that poor IAQ has on their health and performance and get them energized around your efforts to ensure the healthiest IAQ in your school through the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Program. Below are a few ideas to help you communicate your success in, and continued commitment to, improving children's health during October:

**Distribute take-home letters** describing your school's successes and commitments to healthy IAQ and have students bring them home to their families.

Have your school **issue a press release** to convey an IAQ success story from your school. [Merced High School's press release](#) highlights how their IAQ program improved the entire school community's health—including student athletes. Use this press release as a model when developing one for your school.

Have students in elementary schools **put on a play or theatrical skit** to highlight what your school has done to improve IAQ and what the effects of poor IAQ are on overall health and performance. Invite the whole community, as this is a fun and interactive way for people of all ages to come together to learn about IAQ.

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## Where Are They Now?

### John Gayetsky and Kathy Prosser – ASBO's New Indoor Environmental Quality Advisory Group

After earning U.S. EPA's *IAQ Tools for Schools* Special Achievement Award in 1993, John Gayetsky went on to revise Ohio's school inspection protocol and co-author Ohio's sweeping school inspection reform legislation known as "Jarod's Law." Meanwhile, the release of the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Action Kit in 1995 inspired Kathy to coordinate training sessions across Ohio aimed at helping school district personnel implement the *IAQ Tools for Schools* program with the American Lung Association of Ohio. In March of this year, John and Kathy joined forces to become ASBO International's Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Advisory Group. The IEQ Advisory Group was created to provide districts with the technical and management solutions and resources needed to address IEQ concerns, educate and train staff, and develop customized and sustainable IEQ management programs.

If you are committed to implementing a comprehensive IEQ management program throughout your district, send an e-mail to [iaqschools@epa.gov](mailto:iaqschools@epa.gov) and we will get you in touch with ASBO's IEQ Advisory Group and on track toward a safer and healthier learning environment.

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## Featured Resources

- EPA's Green Scene Web site recently encouraged schools and community partners to protect students and school staff by taking steps to prevent accidents involving outdated, unknown, and unneeded chemicals by featuring EPA's [Schools Chemical Cleanout Campaign \(SC3\)](#). Visit EPA's [Green Scene Web site](#) to view the video and learn more information about responsible chemical management in K-12 schools.
- A new, Spanish-language Integrated Pest Management checklist is now available in the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Program Action Kit. [Download it today \(PDF\)](#)!

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The ***IAQ Tools for Schools* Program** is a comprehensive resource to help schools maintain a healthy environment in school buildings by identifying, correcting, and preventing IAQ

problems. Learn more about the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Program at [www.epa.gov/iaq/schools](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools).

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