

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

PURPOSE:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a process to address issues related to Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) known as TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS. In the Chariho Regional School District, indoor air quality is related to circumstances and conditions influenced by the overall school environment.

This varies from school to school and is not limited to the following:

- a. General cleanliness
- b. Animals in the classroom
- c. Drain traps in the classroom
- d. Excess moisture in the classroom
- e. Thermal comfort
- f. Ventilation
- g. Local exhaust fans
- h. Science and Art supplies
- i. Supplies
- j. Locker rooms

In alignment with the EPA model, the Chariho Regional School District requires the Director of Buildings and Grounds to be responsible for the indoor air quality of their buildings. Accordingly, the Director of Buildings and Grounds shall serve as the IAQ Coordinator and ensure that each school, in collaboration with the Maintenance Department, establishes an Indoor Air Quality Management Plan to be effectuated immediately.

This plan will be used to develop any work orders and/or actions to remedy circumstances in each school. Any actions requiring capital improvements and/or School Committee approval must be followed in accordance with the appropriate School District policy. Any ordinary maintenance repair, in accordance with the School District budget, will follow the protocol of the IAQ Management Plan as coordinated by the School Principal in collaboration with the Director of Buildings and Grounds.

All school Indoor Air Quality Management Plans, must be kept on file in the respective school and the office of the Superintendent. The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that plans have been developed and are routinely effectuated.

Chariho Regional has designated the Director of Buildings and Grounds as its Tools for Schools point of contact.

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