



Dear School Official:

Congratulations! By receiving the *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* Action Kit you have taken an important step to safeguarding your school environment. You have also joined an active community of schools dedicated to promoting the health and performance of our nation's students and staff.

For more than a decade, the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has worked with schools nationwide to help improve the health and learning environments for children through the *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* Program. One of our most significant assets—the *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* Action Kit—is designed to help schools identify, resolve, and prevent indoor air quality (IAQ) problems using low and no-cost measures. According to a 2006 survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, half of the nation's schools reported that they have adopted IAQ management programs, and eighty-five percent of those schools said their efforts are based on the *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* guidance. By using this Action Kit you are joining your peers across the nation in creating a movement of sustainable, positive change in your educational environments!

While the Action Kit has evolved over time, the original intent of the Action Kit remains unchanged: to provide school staff a system for implementing a practical plan of actions that improve indoor air problems usually at little to no-cost. The Action Kit contains the tools you'll need to build and sustain your own IAQ management program. The guidance in the Action Kit reflects field tested strategies as well as the latest scientific information on IAQ.

EPA believes this Action Kit will serve as the foundation of your IAQ management program as you move forward with addressing environmental issues in your facilities. However, don't just stop there! The *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* Program can offer many interactive resources to assist you with your IAQ management program and recognize your successes along the way.

Put your IAQ management program into action by visiting the *Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools* web site –www.epa.gov/iaq/schools for additional information, on the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Connector, National Awards Program, Envisioning Excellence suite of guidance materials, and updates on future school IAQ events.

Thank you for your commitment to promoting healthy school environments.

– The U.S. EPA Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Team