



Coalition *for* Healthier Schools

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July 22, 2025

Chair Susan Collins
Ranking Member Patty Murray
Senate Committee on Appropriations (S-128 U.S. Capitol)
US Senate, Washington, DC 20510

Chair Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member Jeffrey Merkley
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations (S-128 U.S. Capitol)
US Senate, Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Collins, Ranking Member Murray, Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Merkley,

The 50 undersigned organizations participating in the Coalition for Healthier Schools strongly endorse \$100 million in funding in FY 2026 for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's highly effective programs to help schools improve environmental health for children, teachers and staff.

The funding meets a critical unaddressed need for a modest federal investment. Support for the funding is detailed in "dear colleague" letters signed by [20 Senators](#) as well as [30 House members](#). EPA programs to improve indoor environments for children have been supported across multiple administrations of both parties.

EPA's indoor air and children's health programs have delivered high quality, science-based guidance, training, and resources to schools across the country for decades. EPA's [IAQ Tools for Schools](#) has been the federal government's principal source of assistance to schools for preventing and resolving indoor air quality problems, such as reducing asthma triggers, improving ventilation, and properly managing cleaning products and chemicals. This tool is especially valuable for low income and rural-remote schools.

Investments in indoor environmental quality yield measurable returns in attendance, cognitive performance, and reduced liability and health costs.



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We thank you for your leadership and respectfully ask that you support healthy school environments and children's health in the FY 2026 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

*21st Century School Fund
American Federation of Teachers - Connecticut
Alaska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Lung Association
American School Health Association
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Break the Cycle of Health Disparities, Inc.
Coalition for Healthier Schools
California Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
California Nurses for Environmental Health and Justice
Center for Cities + Schools
Center for Environmental Health
Children's Environmental Health Network
Children's Environmental Protection Alliance
Clean+Healthy
Colorado Asthma Coalition
Connecticut Coalition for Healthy School Environments
Connecticut Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools
DC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Environmental Protection Network
Environmental Working Group
Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Hartford Federation of Paraeducators Local 2221
Health & Education Alliance of Louisiana
Healthy Schools Campaign*



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Signed: (continued)

Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Maryland Children's Environmental Health Coalition

Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

New Hampshire Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

New York State PTA

National Association of School Nurses

National PTA

Natural Resources Defense Council

Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Rachel Carson Council

SMACNA Connecticut

Society for Public Health Education

Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Toxics Information Project (TIP)

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

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West Haven Federation of Teachers and School Nurses