

PTA supports HB 1245. PTA is dedicated to children's health, well-being, and educational success and works at the local, state, and national levels to enhance the health of our nation's children and families. We know that a healthy child is a teachable child, and that unhealthy conditions may inhibit a student's ability to learn.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has stated that concentrations of air contaminants are often found to be 2-5 times higher indoors than outdoors due to the tighter buildings, reduction in outdoor air brought into schools for ventilation, reduced maintenance budgets, and the proliferation of indoor sources of contaminants. The combined indoor pollution from synthetic building materials and furnishings, cleaning agents, printing and copying devices, science labs, arts and crafts materials, and combustion and humidification appliances can reduce the health and comfort of building occupants, as well as increase absenteeism. Children may be especially susceptible to air pollution because the same concentration of pollutants will result in a higher body burden in children than adults because children breathe a greater volume of air relative to their body weight.

PTA believes we must ensure that school heating, ventilation, and air conditioning operation and maintenance plans comply with the highest current standards.

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