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**Jean Phelps**  
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**Re: Fumes**

**Dear Jean.**

We the Quqshuun Ilihakvik Centre have been experiencing fumes in our school, that have been occurring for the past few years. The problem has been tend to number of times in the pass, by the officials, in and out of the community. Lot of theories have been brought up in regards to the problem; wind, and direction, NCPC building, exhaust from trucks on or around the building, boilers, air circulation in between the two schools, smoke from oil burner pipes, heating oil smell, etc. Lot of money have been spend in trying to correct the problem, but never has succeeded. Two years ago carbon dioxide,(monoxide) detector was put into our school, to monitor the trace of this type of toxic chemical would exist around our building. It has gone off once with a short beep and that was it. The detector have been remove out of it's place.

This problem start occurring after the link was constructed, that connects the two buildings together for students to have access to the other building facilities, without having to go out of the building to get to library or gym from our school.

In the month of September alone, we have experience fume problem six times, and dates and time are as follows:

Sept. 4/98 time 11:35  
 Sept. 10/98 time 11:42  
 Sept. 10/98 time 1:00  
 Sept. 11/98 time 11:20  
 Sept. 14/98 time 9:14  
 Sept. 14/98 time 9:46

On the date of September 10, 1998 we had to send the students home early for the remaining part of their instructional time for the morning, because they were getting restless, and would not have function and participate on their school work to their full capability.

This type of problem does not occur in any of the buildings in our community with all the same possibility of occurrence running in the community all through the day, even to the point where there are at least over 10 vehicles parked out of their

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entrance at one time.

This type of trouble that we have been experiencing for the last few years is disruptive to our school program as well it creates discomfort to all of us staffs and students, because of the following reasons, when it around the building: a) it irritates eyes and nostrils. b) dryness in the throat . c)headache. d) itchy eyes.


Officials are right in saying, There is no health threads to people who are experiencing this type of problem. But for those who are working in an effected area, are finding it very difficult and disturbing to be effective in there work individually to full concentrate on their work to meet their goals and objective they have set for themselves as professionals.


In last threo days in a row I had four etudonts from ago six nine yoarc of ago cont home crying with a bad case of headache. Parents are not willing to sent their children to school with this fumes occurring in the school. This is working against our school goal, that is working towards 90% School attendance.

During DEA regular meeting last night of September 17,1998 DEA instruct the school to write a letter to say that they are closing the school down as of end of October , 1998. and not sent the students to school, unless it is work on until the problem is solved to a perfect condition for staff and students to work in. We the school staff does not want this incident to happen or occur in this situation, because of the following: We have our Goals and Objective to follow through, and students to have a good education is not a privilege. It is a must, and we the educators are bound to that Regulation.

Please find a time to think on this serious problem. and tend to it until the issue is dealt with.

Sincerely Yours with Best regards.

  
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