



Protecting Students and Staff

Every school day in New Jersey, students, educators, and school staff share the same conditions. Too often, those conditions make people sick and undermine teaching and learning. The average New Jersey school building is 50 years old and packed four times more densely than the average office. Aging infrastructure, overcrowding, and years of deferred maintenance have pushed ventilation, heating, plumbing, electrical, and waste systems beyond their limits.

The result is mold and other indoor air pollutants that trigger asthma attacks, increase student absenteeism, contribute to staff illness and burnout, and send more children to the nurse's office. Healthy school buildings mean healthier students and staff, fewer missed school days, stronger teacher retention, and better learning and working conditions.

Every child and every educator deserves a safe, healthy school.

About Healthy Schools Now

Healthy Schools Now (HSN) is a coalition of more than 130 organizations—including education associations, parent-teacher organizations, public school advocates, faith and community leaders, environmental organizations, and social justice groups—working together to ensure every New Jersey student and school employee has a safe, healthy, modernized school building. Twenty-first century learning requires twenty-first century facilities.

Our Platform

- **Fund safe, modernized schools.** The New Jersey Legislature must invest in school facilities now. The Schools Development Authority's funding is fully committed, while construction and renovation needs continue to grow. Delay isn't an option.
- **Eliminate dangerous conditions.** State law requires the New Jersey Department of Education and the Schools Development Authority to address imminent hazards. We're holding them accountable.
- **Guarantee healthy air.** Every school should meet New Jersey's indoor air quality standards. The New Jersey Department of Health must enforce the law and ensure every school understands and follows these requirements.

Fighting for Results That Matter

- **Healthy buildings** — free from extreme heat and cold, poor air circulation, mold, lead, asbestos, PCBs, and other hazardous materials.
- **Classrooms built for learning** — equipped for 21st century education, not leaking ceilings and drafty windows.
- **Fewer absences** — for students, staff, and parents, keeping learning on track.
- **Stronger local economies** — school construction and renovation support approximately 10,000 jobs each year.
- **Lower long-term costs** — energy-efficient schools save an average of \$100,000 annually per school while reducing wasted energy and costs associated with illness and absenteeism.

Why It Matters

Healthy schools strengthen student achievement, educator retention, public health, and local communities. Every student deserves a healthy place to learn, and every school employee deserves a healthy place to work.

Get Involved

Join the movement to ensure every New Jersey school is safe, healthy, and modern.

Organizations can:

- Join the coalition.
- Endorse the platform.
- Send a representative to coalition meetings.
- Host a Healthy Schools Now presentation.

Individuals can:

- Sign up for updates.
- Take action when it matters most.

Scan the QR code to join the coalition, receive updates, or learn more



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