



# TOP TEN

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

### *Low and No Cost* Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Interventions

1

Start an **anti-clutter campaign** including removal of stuffed furniture, regular cleaning of stuffed animals, etc.

2

Schedule **regular reminders and spot checks** to make sure staff are not blocking airflow on unit ventilators.

3

**Involve your students** and create clean-up games for younger grades! Set individual goals, sing songs, get creative!

4

Use **proper walk-off mats at every entry**. 80% of dirt and dust enter this way! Limit the number of entryways used after recess to reduce dirt and dust tracked in.

5

Have an **active Integrated Pest Management program** in place. Building teams work with staff to ensure proper food storage and clean-up after classroom meals.

6

**Empty trash daily** to prevent the attracting pests.

7

**Prevent bus idling** near building. Enforce existing idling laws, if appropriate.

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**Make sure combustion appliances are maintained** to save energy and money.

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Establish and enforce a **"no pets in classroom"** policy.

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Use **Tools for Schools kit** to educate building occupants about what they can do to maintain good IAQ.



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