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To The Honorable Members of the School Committee:

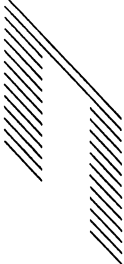
Air Quality Project Status Report - June 19, 1990

Please be notified that the attached is a summary status report from Environmental Health & Engineering, Inc. regarding the CRLS Air Quality Project.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Lou McGrath
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Superintendent of Schools

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Environmental Health & Engineering

Ms. Mary Lou McGrath
Superintendent
Cambridge Public Schools
159 Thorndike St.
Cambridge, MA 02138

June 18, 1990

Dear Superintendent McGrath:

The following is a brief summary of recent activities that have been performed as part of the Cambridge Public Schools Indoor Air Quality Initiative:

1. An ongoing response to air quality concerns at the High School as well as the other Cambridge School buildings has primarily been focused on resolution of hot/cold complaints while the systems are being reconditioned. A very limited number of areas are still experiencing deficiencies in volume of outside air being supplied to them and these are being addressed. This condition should be resolved with the upgrading of certain systems (see # 4 below). Overall the number of complaints at the High School have decreased dramatically over the last school year.
2. As part of the new Preventative Maintenance Program all pieces of equipment and their locations have been catalogued. This is currently being entered into a software system that will be supplied to the School Department and will serve as the heart of the PM program. This system will track equipment, generate work orders automatically, and maintain repair schedules. A trial version will be in place by mid July. It is anticipated that this program will be fully functional for all the schools by October of 1990.
3. The position of Facilities Manager was advertised last March and April. Over eighty people responded to the advertisement and the top seven candidates have been interviewed. It is expected that the Facilities Manager will be prepared to start work the first week of July, 1990.
4. A bid package for necessary upgrading of mechanical systems at the High School has been prepared and advertised. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 21 June 1990 and the bid opening for 28 June 1990 at 2:00 p.m.. It is anticipated that this work will be substantially completed before the opening of school in September.

5. The third filter change out for this school year was performed during April vacation.

6. The Phase II environmental sampling was completed. This involved sampling for:

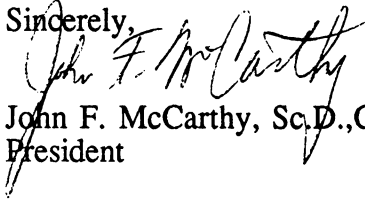
- volatile organic compounds
- pesticides
- respirable suspended particles
- total suspended particles
- airborne microbiological containments
- formaldehyde

Measurements for carbon dioxide have been performed as spot checks throughout the school year.

We expect the summary report of this data to be submitted for your review by 15 August 1990.

If you have any questions regarding the above items or any other items, please feel free to call me at (617) 964-8550.

Sincerely,



John F. McCarthy, Sc.D., C.I.H.,
President



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of Schools, transmitting an Air Quality
Project Status Report at CRLS.

In City Council,

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