

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)

IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) Design Challenge School Program

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EPA has designated the Lake Zurich School District 95 as an IAQ Design Challenge School District. Each year the Midwest EPA Region 5 chooses two schools in their district covering Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Ohio as IAQ Design Challenge School Districts.

An IAQ Design Challenge School is a school district that has:

-A clear, district-wide commitment to implementing an IAQ management program (IAQ TFS or Tools for Schools Program)

-A working relationship with the EPA Regional Office and/ or is willing to work with the Regional Office over a prolonged period of time to implement an IAQ management program

-Attempted to implement an IAQ management program, but has faced challenges to full implementation and/or sustainability.

--These challenges can be from the initial organization/design phase, to gaining district-wide support, to attaining trust/open communications with school staff and community representatives, to achieving sustainability.

--There is no 'right' or 'wrong' challenge, they just need to be able to convey it clearly.

-Or, implemented an IAQ management program, but the program has faded/stalled due to changes in personnel, district management support, or district priorities, and are wanting to revive the program

-A willingness and ability to share their IAQ management story, specifically the challenge(s) to implementation or sustainability they are facing.

-EPA will support and coach each school district to tell their story

-School district is accessible to Regional Offices and/or EPA grantee for pre-Symposium preparation work and post-Symposium follow up/mentoring (as needed)