



# Thompson Public Schools “Tools for Schools” Indoor Air Quality

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The Thompson Public School System’s Indoor Air Quality Team (IAQ) would like to thank all of our parents, administrators, educators and concerned citizens who have given us feedback on our committee’s progress! We have had many successes, very few setbacks, and we have great expectations for the future! We are really excited about our program, and hope that it has made a positive impact on our students, educators and staff.



**RADON:** We hope that you had the opportunity to review the Radon in Schools pamphlet that was sent home with every student before our February break. If you would like a copy of the pamphlet please contact: [blesniewski@thompson.ctschool.net](mailto:blesniewski@thompson.ctschool.net).

The **Environmental Protection Agency** and the **American Lung Association** are working to have all schools tested for radon by 2008. The Thompson Public School System and the IAQ committee have *proactively* partnered with the CT Dept of Public Health and the Northeast District Dept of Health to test for radon in all of our school buildings. We were pleased to welcome Alyson Sullivan, the Director of the Radon Program for the Connecticut Department of Public Health to speak at our meeting on March 14th. Alyson provided us with testing information, guidelines and answered many questions regarding radon in our schools.

Radon testing canisters were placed in ground level classrooms and administrative offices March 14th through March 16th. We are expecting our test results in mid-May. Stay tuned to future newsletters for results! If you would like to read about radon in schools, or your home, you can visit the EPA website at: [www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html](http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/citguide.html)

With the passing of the building project referendum held on March 1st, we are expecting the following improvements to be made to existing school facilities:

## IMPROVEMENT

- Replacement of 20 year old roof
- Replace windows installed in 1959, 64 and 78
- Additional asbestos removal: Please visit the EPA website at: [www.epa.gov/iaq/asbestos.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/asbestos.html)

## RESULT

No more leaks or mold!  
Improved classroom ventilation!  
for more information on asbestos.



Hey, check US out! We received a **Certificate of Recognition** from the **US Environmental Protection Agency New England** for our work so far! Also, our website is up and running, please visit us at: [www.thompson.ctschool.net](http://www.thompson.ctschool.net) and click on the health tab. We also have links for further information, including a “Kid’s Page”! Meetings are held at 5 pm, MS Media Ctr., 2nd Monday of each month.

