Healthy Buildings: Are Your Schools Ready for Students to Return?

We know there’s a lot to think about when it comes to students returning to in-person learning. Are your systems not working well? Do you need help to identify your building issues and how to fix them? The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) recently announced an extension of acceptable funding uses for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) funding. Prior to this announcement, other funding sources like Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER), and Long-Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM) didn’t cover these types of critical improvements.

Currently, Minnesota schools have spent less than 20% of the allocated ESSER II funds and can be spent through September 30, 2023. With this announcement, school districts have a huge opportunity to reduce COVID transmission in their facilities now, and in creating healthy buildings for generations to come.

**These uses include projects for improving indoor air quality such as inspections, testing, maintenance, repairs, replacements, and upgrades.** The following items can be included in these projects:

- Mechanical and non-mechanical HVAC systems
- Filtering and purification systems
- Other air cleaning improvements including fans, control systems, and window and door repairs and replacements

The ICS team is ready, willing, and able to inspect, test, maintain, repair, replace, and upgrade your building systems. Stay tuned for more information from our team on how to apply for this funding through an upcoming webinar series in Spring 2021. To learn more and to get started on ensuring your buildings are ready for your students and staff, reach out to Karen Klein at karen.klein@ics-builds.com or 651-728-1880.

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Healthy Buildings: Are Your Systems Prepared?

More than ever, we know there’s a lot to think about when it comes to keeping your buildings healthy. Are your systems not working well? Do you need help to identify your building issues and how to fix them? Unhealthy buildings can originate from a variety of deficiencies including inadequate installation, poorly balanced HVAC components or improperly operating automation control systems.

The ICS team understands healthy building systems and is ready and willing to help you inspect, test, maintain, repair, replace and upgrade them. To learn more, contact Mike Piper at mike.piper@ics-builds.com or 952-715-0866.