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## Washington State Legislature

May 27, 2009

Mr. Treuman Katz, Chair  
Board Members  
Washington State Board of Health  
P.O. Box 47990  
Olympia, WA 98504-7990

RE: Proposed School Environmental Health & Safety Rule,  
Chapter 246-366A WAC.

Dear Mr. Katz and Members of the Board of Health:

We understand that the Board will have its next regular meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Olympia at which it may take up the proposed rule for School Environmental Health & Safety. Therefore, we want to draw your attention to the language that has been adopted in Section 222(1) of the 2009-11 Operating Budget.

We trust that the Board will respect the budget proviso and will not adopt the rule at this time. The intent of the proviso is to create a partnership between the Legislature and the Board to identify the most cost effective means for maintaining our commitment to the health and safety of our schools. We look forward to keeping an open dialogue with the Board to ensure that funding can be identified before the rule is adopted.

Sincerely,

Senator Rodney Tom  
Vice Chair, Senate Ways & Means

Senator Fred Jarrett  
Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

Senator Rosemary McAuliffe  
Chair, Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education

Representative Mark Ericks  
Vice Chair, House Ways & Means

Representative Kelli Linville  
Chair, House Ways & Means

cc: Craig McLaughlin