



**NYSERDA**

## September 2020 Indoor Air Quality Monthly Report

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## Summary

This project consists of two school districts in Western NY. The first, an extremely large district with over 50 buildings. There are four buildings included in the audit from this school. The buildings and system information are shown below:

Building	Size (Sqft)	Main HVAC System Type
Elementary School	80,000	Mostly Unit Ventilators
Elementary School	96,000	VAV System with 2 AHUs
Admin	117,000	Central AHU
High School	280,000	Chilled Beam

The second school district also has four buildings included in the study consisting of the buildings and system information shown below:

Building	Size (Sqft)	Main HVAC System Type
Elementary School	80,500	Mix of Unit Vent, RTU and AHUs
Middle School	147,000	Multiple AHUs
High School	216,000	RTUs with MHUs
Admin	12,000	RTUs

## IAQ Study Audit Process

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Wendel will be following the following process in order to deliver a quality audit along with matching up with the relatively quick schedule.

**Initial Review:** Includes discussions and information gathering

- Review of Existing drawing and information Wendel
- Request for additional information from both schools, including drawings
- Calls with the lead facility people for each school and building
- Analysis of energy usage at each school by building

**Walkthroughs:** Includes site work at each building, multiple visits will likely be necessary

- Perform initial walkthroughs of all 4 buildings in each school's project
- Additional site work to be determined after review of information gathered and technologies being recommended

**Engineering Analysis:** Includes utility, system, and planned recommended technology analysis

- Baseline development and increased energy need due to the ASHRAE Guidance
- Wendel will provide an engineering analysis of the building systems include in the study, the utilities, and the recommended technologies for each building.
- Additional information will be requested and gathered based on the analysis

## Tasks Completed

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### RFI's

- Final building selections were finalized for both School Districts, along with finalizing the paperwork for contracts.
- Initial RFI Information Received

### Meetings / Communication:

- Phone meetings have been held for most buildings, at both School Districts, to go through the building systems involved in the Study in detail.
- Additional RFI's have been sent to each School District based on information that will be needed, and what needs to be verified during site walkthroughs.

### Site Work:

- Covid -19 protocols are being followed, which track anyone that performs site visits, and sign in at any building location that is entered by each person per day, and wear masks if you will be within 6 feet of anyone. Otherwise the schools have no additional requirements currently.
- As of 8/21 all 8 of the buildings in both schools have the initial site walkthrough complete.
- Additional site work is expected to be necessary prior to finalization of engineering

### Audit Work:

- Started to develop the baseline energy usage, using previous years utility and benchmarked information received through the P-12 Benchmark Program.
- Building takeaway's completed for each building to separate the systems delivering HVAC to each space in each building
- Baseline from B3 pull complete

## Upcoming Tasks for the Following Month

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### Anticipated Activity for the following Month

- Develop the baseline analysis and methodology for increasing ventilation recommendations from the ASHRAE Guidance.
- Develop engineering analysis of the current system makeup and delivery by system
- Develop initial engineering of system changes to reduce contaminants and virus levels
- Additional RFI's are expected once the system analysis has been mostly completed
- Ventilation will be analyzed to understand the delivery, rates, pressure requirements, setup and possible recommendations.



- UVGI will be analyzed to understand possible delivery system types, and include needed dosing levels to be effective.
- Energy savings measures will be reviewed and analyzed, which may include ventilation rates, Retro-commissioning, filtration, portable systems, economizers, and control changes.

## Discussion Items

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### Issue tracking for the project

- Additional school opening guidance has been presented by each of the School Districts. Wendel will take this into consideration during the engineering analysis for each building.
- Additional guidance from ASHRAE and other sources will be continually monitored.