



South Washington County Schools

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Wendy German, Health and Safety

DATE: April 24, 2019

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Radon Testing Results

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 807: Health and Safety

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approval

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: May 9, 2019

REPORT

Radon testing was conducted in fifteen buildings in the district during the month of March of this year. The Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Department of Education require that radon testing results be shared with the School Board. While radon testing is not required in Minnesota schools, the Departments of Health and Education, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, highly recommend it, and link some safety funding to it. The district is on a schedule in which roughly a third of the district is tested every year, and after next year's testing every building will have been tested within three years. It is intended that the 3-year rotation will continue.

The test was administered utilizing the Minnesota Department of Health's publication "Best Practices for Radon Measurement in Minnesota Schools and Commercial Buildings." The MDH and EPA have set the action level for radon mitigation at concentrations above 4.0 picoCuries per liter of air (pCi/L).

I am pleased to report that every building and room tested well below the MDH/EPA recommended action level of 4.0 pCi/L.

The buildings tested for the 2018/2019 school year were:

- Central Park ECFE
- Cottage Grove Elementary
- Cottage Grove Middle School
- District Service Center
- Hillside Elementary
- Lake Middle School
- Liberty Ridge Elementary
- Newport Elementary
- Next Step
- Oltman Middle School
- Park High School
- Pathways to Independence
- Red Rock Elementary
- Woodbury Elementary
- Woodbury High School

Laboratory reports are available upon request. Results were also reported to the MDH per their guidelines.