



Paramount Unified School District

Air Quality Facts

- The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is moving on to the Cities of Long Beach and Compton. However, the City of Paramount has purchased four air quality-monitoring devices and these are located at Lincoln Elementary School, Gaines and Jackson schools and Mokler Elementary School. These schools are closest to industrial areas and where the SCAQMD has been testing this year for air quality. The SCAQMD will continue to monitor the air quality around these schools. These results will continue to be made public by the SCAQMD.
- The Paramount Unified School District has conducted voluntary indoor air quality testing at such schools using the services of Executive Environmental Health and Safety Simplified. The testing found that "levels were BELOW the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) No significant Risk Level (NSRL) - Inhalation." Documentation of these results can be found on this website: <http://tinyurl.com/PUSDairquality>
- Chromium 6 is odorless but, at times, odors that are NOT related to Chromium 6 are present in the community surrounding the schools.
- The PUSD received a donation from the Gas Company of air filters to be used when odors are present. The PUSD placed an air filter in every classroom at the four schools for teachers to turn on when odors are present. Again, these filters are for odors only, NOT for Chromium 6. The air filters donated are quality filters and expensive.
- The LA County Health Department has stated that they do NOT recommend that the school District cancel recess when odors are present. They stated that the levels of chromium 6 around the schools do NOT rise to the level of concern that recess should be cancelled. Recess time is limited to only 30 minutes.
- Classrooms in the PUSD are vacuumed with High Efficiency Particulate Air Filters (HEPA). HEPA filters are replaced every two months. . The HEPA filters used are of a higher quality than those used in residences.
- The District's maintenance of the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) System has been reviewed and commended by the LA County Department of Health. HVAC filters are replaced every other month.

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- Currently, there are no known filters that can guarantee the complete removal of chromium in the air.

The PUSD is committed to continued work with the SCAQMD, the LA Department of Health and the City of Paramount to secure the safety of all students and employees.