



# Connecticut School Indoor Environment Resource Team

## Top Ten No or Low Cost *Tools for Schools* IAQ Interventions

1. Address clutter issues by starting an anti-clutter campaign. This would include removal of stuffed furniture, regular cleaning of stuffed animals, etc.
2. Regularly do reminders and spot checks to make sure staff are not blocking airflow on unit ventilators, etc.
3. Develop student – run pick-up/clean-up campaigns scheduled at the end of each day to assist custodians.
4. Make sure there are proper walk-off mats at every entry. Eighty percent of dirt and dust enter the building via entryways. In addition, limit the number of entryways used after recess (particularly in elementary schools) to lower the amount of dirt and dust tracked in.
5. Make sure there is an active Integrated Pest Management program in place where the building teams regularly ensure staff are properly storing food and cleaning up food after classroom meals.
6. Establish policy of emptying trash daily to prevent the attraction of pests.
7. Prevent bus idling near building, including enforcement of existing idling laws if appropriate.
8. Make sure combustion appliances are maintained to save energy and money.
9. Establish and enforce a “no pets in classroom” policy.
10. Use TfS to educate building occupants about what they can do to maintain good IAQ.