

# How West Allis–West Milwaukee School District is Using Healthy Green Schools & Colleges to Optimize Its Facilities Program

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**HEALTHY GREEN**   
**SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**   
A HEALTHY SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN & GREEN SEAL PARTNERSHIP

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# Program

- ✓ Developed in partnership with school facility directors
- ✓ Encourages continual improvement
- ✓ Covers the full range of facilities management practices



# Standard

- Prioritizes low- and no-cost measures that make a significant different in indoor air quality
- Designed to be implemented district-wide or university-wide
- Provides an easy-to-follow roadmap of compliance



# Standard Snapshot

Section	Possible Points
Getting Started	Required
Procurement of Facility Operations and Maintenance Products	16
Facilities Operations and Maintenance	40
Building Systems Operations and Maintenance	20
Ongoing Monitoring, Evaluation and Training	24
Total	100

# Certification

- Set your certification goal
- Create roadmap for your district
- Move at your own pace

Level	Points
Gold	85+
Silver	75-84
Bronze	60-74



# Participants

## K-12

- Cape Elizabeth School Department (ME)
- Clark County School District (NV)
- Kansas City Public Schools (MO)
- Salt Lake City School District (UT)
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District (WI)

## Higher Education

- Cosumnes River College (CA)
- University of Georgia (GA)
- University of California-Riverside (CA)



# WEST ALLIS – WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

At a glance:

- 7,400+ students
- 17 schools – now 14
  - 3 consolidated at end of 2022-23 school year
- 23 buildings
- 2,000,000+ square feet



# WAWM Assessment Results

Required Criteria Met: **5 of 10**

Total Points Earned from Optional Criteria: **11 of 100**

Projected Certification Tier: Not Yet Eligible for Certification

Section	Projected Score
Getting Started	2 of 5 required criteria met
Procurement of Facility Operations and Maintenance Products	3 of 3 required criteria met 6 of 16 possible points earned
Facilities Operations and Maintenance	2 of 40 possible points earned
Building Systems Operations and Maintenance	0 of 2 required criteria met 2 of 20 possible points
Ongoing Monitoring, Evaluation and Training	1 of 24 possible points earned

# WAWM's Next Steps

- Call Sara
- Gather the team – key stakeholders
  - Garner support for involvement and implementation
- Identify areas of focus
  - Low hanging fruit
- Assignments – who does what
- Get to work
- Document, document, document
  - You can't measure what you don't manage
  - You can't manage what you don't measure

# Focus Area #1 – Consumable Goods

- Met with distributor
- Reviewed criteria for chemicals
  - Shared standard with vendor
  - What met criteria
  - If not met – what is available that does meet criteria
- All chemicals met standard
  - Exception was disinfectants
    - Vendor working with their supplier



# Result

- Reduced chemicals purchased from 30 to 8
- Paper products meet criteria
- Can liners meet standards
- Soap & sanitizer meet standards
- Streamlined inventory system
- Simplified and improved training
- Created more flexibility



# Focus Area #2 - Powered Equipment

Met with distributor – verified each piece to standard

- 2805D RIDE ON FLOOR SCRUBBER
- QUIETCLEAN VAC 12" W/ 10AMP MOTOR, WAND, & CREVICE TOOL
- XP EXTRACTOR, 16" PATH
- 20HD 20" FLOOR MACHINE
- SHOVELNOSE WET/DRY VAC, 18 GALLON, 9' VAC HOSE
- 27" LOW RIDGER BURNISHER W/ DUST CONTROL
- EDGE WALK BEHIND FLOOR SCRUBBER
- AM2500D AIR MOVER 250W\*\*\*



# Result

- Purchased more than 60 pieces of equipment that meet standard
- Original Air Movers didn't meet criteria
  - Asked supplier for acceptable options/alternatives



# Focus Area #3 - Connect with Other Schools

- Participate in HGSC programming
- Share our story
  - [Cleanlink article](#)
- Network with other facilities professionals



# Benefits to West Allis-West Milwaukee

- Standard provides prioritizing measures that make a significant difference in indoor air quality without major capital investments
- Establishes guidelines for action & measurement
- Continuity in operations with staff turnover
- Assists leadership with cross-department buy in, support, and collaboration
- Provides a basis for program evaluation
- We set our own priorities
- Helps with the development of best practices
- Framework for written documentation



# What Other Schools Are Doing

- Making a case for budget allocation
- Gathering team around a common goal
  - Improving morale
- Benchmarking/assessing
- Getting organization recognized



# Learn More

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