



Vote in SUPPORT of SB 1062
Require adoption of Healthy and Safe
School Plans in Oregon schools.

We **strongly urge your support for SB 1062** to require plans for schools to address environmental conditions and to establish funding for those plans. SB 1062 provides a practical strategy to prevent illness and increase student achievement.

Children are uniquely vulnerable to harm from toxics in the environment during sensitive windows of brain and body development. Chronic exposure to toxics like lead, diesel and radon may result in life-long, irreversible harm.

Environmental hazards can trigger acute effects as well. Efforts to control mold, diesel exhaust and pesticides one-by-one is generally ineffective at preventing asthma and allergy attacks. **SB 1062 requires a comprehensive plan** with greater potential to prevent and reduce the severity of allergy and asthma incidents.

SB 1062 is a step towards greater health equity. When children are healthy, productivity and attendance increase. Furthermore, educational achievement is a social determinant of health. By investing in healthy learning environments, we can give every child a chance to be healthy and productive well into the future.

Parents deserve accountability and transparency. Misinformation, or lack of information, erodes public confidence. By adopting a protocol that ensures clear and consistent communication, schools can foster stronger public alliances and more effective community participation in decision-making.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage a vote in support of SB 1062.



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