

Boston City Council Offers Viable Solution to Addressing Sick Schools Across the Country

School “National Bail Out” Plan Will Result in Safer Work and Learning Environments and Significant Job Creation

In an attempt to address the problems with indoor air quality problems and other necessary and crucial repairs needed in America's public schools to ensure that students, teachers and other school employees are not forced to learn and work in sick buildings in the United States, this Resolution, Docket # 0157, was submitted at Boston City Council meeting on January 27, 2010 and passed unanimously.

This is the **ONLY** answer we can see that would move the repair of schools in poor condition from the bottom of the priority list up to bailout status.

There isn't a state, city, town or hamlet in this country that can afford to fix our sick schools. The only answer is to make it a priority in this fashion.

Finding money to fix our schools will create construction jobs, putting so many of our unemployed trades people back to work. If people are working, they will be paying taxes on their wages, increasing the bottom line of our federal government to further assist in reduction of our federal debt. When people are working, states that assess an income tax will also see their revenues rise.

Supplies will be needed to do the projects, thus giving a substantial lift to the building supply industry, as well as other stakeholder businesses, thus creating even more jobs. Keeping teachers, children and other school employees out of their doctors' offices will **SAVE** healthcare expenses. If people are healthier, they will not be tapping into the expensive health care system.

This is a win-win for all. Untold numbers of jobs will be created: if people are working to fix our schools. Those who get back to work will have money to spend in their local business communities, increasing consumer spending. If people forced to work in sick buildings are not sick anymore, they will be present and working at their jobs and will be more productive. If children are not exposed to contaminants in sick school buildings, they will be in school and not home sick. There most likely would be a reduction in emergency room visits for asthma and other medical problems associated with exposure to poor indoor air quality. Parents will see fewer days taking sick days from their places of work to tend to their sick children.

I urge you to share this Resolution with your local elected officials. Ask them to file a similar resolution with their governing bodies. Go directly to your members of Congress. Ask them to support this. Let your local construction unions know about this effort. Get them to help...but you can't just do nothing. Make them tell you why this won't work.

If we don't take a stand now, safe and healthy schools for all will never be accomplished. Finding money to make sure school buildings are in the very best condition so children can learn without being sick **HAS TO BE** made a priority. If you don't step up and help make this happen, it never will.

An **ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY** of more jobs, safer, healthier schools, reduction in healthcare costs and increased revenue to our government entities to pay down debt and fund necessary programs sounds like one piece of the puzzle to get our economy moving again. Please tell me why this won't work.

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