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Subject: Bill- thank you RE: EPA RE: Josh, Thankyou

Bill Wehrum

US EPA/OAR

Dear Bill, Congratulations again on your appointment, and thank you so very much for taking time this morning from your hectic schedule to have a conversation.

I appreciate your offer and will get back to you with the top 1-2-3 things EPA might consider doing to advance healthy schools – on little or no new money.

For starters, it does not cost EPA anything to have its logo (or an appropriate program logo) on the NationalHealthySchoolsDay.org website. CDC is already there.

For those partners with logos on the site, we ask them to actively promote the day and a relevant topic, e.g., via blog or messaging, highlighting informational tools, or a webinar. All are fairly easy.

Again, I was glad to have the opportunity to share our thoughts and our strong interest in seeing EPA have the resources to expand its proven, unique work on healthy school environments for all children.

EPA has helped local schools save money and avoid the need for major remediation over the years. I hope it will continue to do so, particularly now, post Parkland, FL, when schools are under pressure to modify facilities for security reasons.

Thank you, and I promise I will get back to you with two more easy things.

Claire L. Barnett

Cc D Rowson, J Edwards, J Lewis

From: Claire Barnett [mailto:cbarnett@healthyschools.org]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:55 PM
To: 'Lewis, Josh' <Lewis.Josh@epa.gov>; 'Edwards, Jonathan' <Edwards.Jonathan@epa.gov>; 'Atkinson, Emily' <Atkinson.Emily@epa.gov>; 'Rowson, David' <Rowson.David@epa.gov>
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OUTLINE AND HANDOUTS FOR BILL WEHRUM

CONF CALL ON WEDNESDAY 3/14

1- **INTRO – WHO WE ARE** - see www.HealthySchools.org founded in 1995, 501c3, framed and fostered the national movement; champions state policies for children at the nexus of environment, health, and education

a. HS Network history of EPA regional and national grants and EPA awards. In 2017, two national awards: Wm K Reilly Award for Environmental Leadership from American University; the Am Public Health Assn Rall Award for contributions to public health

b. Coalition for Healthier Schools – Policy Platform, reaches 20M school users nationwide, championed ED and EPA authorizations (2002, 2007); supported EPA/IED’s symposia that built expertise from the bottom up, convening experts, agency staff, and local school leaders and personnel

c. 16th annual Natl Healthy Schools Day is Tuesday, April 3 and all week long, 48+ national partners - see www.NationalHealthySchoolsDay.org

2- **TRIENNIAL REPORT: *Towards Healthy Schools: Reducing Risks to Children***, see state by state data and policies, state pages, see below, or see <http://www.healthyschools.org/documents/TowardsHealthySchools-Risks.pdf>

FRAMING: Children are not just little adults, and schools are not just little offices. There are more schools than zip codes in the U.S.

55M children in all k-12 schools; 130,000 buildings. Today, there are more children in fewer school buildings than 5 years ago, more children with special needs and more in poverty, and fewer federal and state dollars.

Children with special needs are on the increase; they are likely more exposed and more vulnerable to unhealthy indoor environments.

Every child needs a safe, healthful and nurturing school in which to learn and grow.

3- **2016 TRANSITION TEAM PAPER:** calls for funding for buildings, funding for EPA to educate school communities, tweeted and emailed, widely distributed: see below

4- **INFRASTRUCTURE BILLS.** Senate S 1674 and HR 2475 do NOT include support for EPA programs for children or for healthy school environment best practices or regs

- a. CHS calls for \$1/child enrolled in k-12 and child care = \$65M at EPA to support federal-state partnership programs in offices of OAR/IED, Water, Chemicals, Research, Children. See below.
- b. Senate bipartisan letter to President, HR letter signed by 150+ Democrats ask \$100bb for school infrastructure (Jan 2018)

5- EPA HAS ASSETS RE SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY TO WEATHER AND VIOLENCE AND FOR ENERGY SAVINGS. IS THIS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EPA FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM?

6 NEXT STEPS?

<< File: TowardsHealthySchools-Risks.pdf >> << File: TransitionPaper - jan 2017.pdf >> << File: CHS- EPA FY18 approps May 22, 2017- sign ons.pdf >>

7 AHEAD- EPA AND CHILDREN's Office

- a. President's Task Force on Risks to Children's Health (EO 13045, co-chaired by EPA OCHP) – creating new lead strategy; we co-hosted a Lead workshop 2017 at PEW on eliminating lead in schools and child care, report TBA early April

-----Original Message-----

From: Lewis, Josh [<mailto:Lewis.Josh@epa.gov>]

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Subject: RE: Josh, Thankyou

Hi Claire,

Nice meeting you on Friday. Re: a call w/ Bill, how about this Wednesday at 8:30 am? If that works, is the mobile # below the best one for Bill to call?

Will keep an eye out for the materials ahead of time

Josh Lewis

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From: Claire Barnett [<mailto:cbarnett@healthyschools.org>]

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Subject: Josh, Thankyou

Josh, Jon,

Thankyou again so very much for setting up the Friday meeting. I was delighted that Bill stopped in to shake hands and say hello. In fact I think we did meet years ago during his prior time at EPA.

Please let Bill know I look forward to having productive call this coming week. There is truly no better time for a constructive federal partnership agenda that resonates with all communities.

In advance I will forward the sequence of materials I had planned to hand to Bill. Given the short time, I thought it would be better for me to get them prefaced and organized for him.

I look forward to working with you and everyone at EPA towards healthier kids and healthier schools.

Best- Claire

Claire Barnett

Healthy Schools Network

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