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**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Environmental Health Committee, State Board of Health—  
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND  
SAFETY RULES: CHAPTER 246-366A WAC**

**Background and Summary**

At its August 27 meeting in Spokane, the Washington State Board of Health opened a public hearing on proposed rule language related to school environmental health and safety. The proposal, filed on July 23 with the Office of the Code Reviser and published in the Washington State Register as WSR 08-15-174, would repeal chapter 246-366 WAC and replace it with a new chapter 246-366A WAC. That hearing has been continued until today so testimony could be taken on both sides of the state. All materials from the August 27 meeting are available behind Tab 05, including a summary of oral testimony received. The remainder of today's meeting is devoted to continuing the rule hearing. The agenda breaks the continuation of the hearing up into four segments, each of which appears as its own agenda item.

- **Item 3:** The current agenda item allows Board staff member Ned Therien to summarize comments received between August 27 and the start of today's meeting. Also included behind Tab 03 is a listing developed by Mark Soltman, Supervisor of the Department of Health Local Health Support Section, of anticipated training needs to implement the proposed rule.
- **Item 4:** The Board will have an opportunity to hear testimony from three state agencies that also have authority over health and safety in school facilities. These are the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Department of Labor and Industries and the Building Code Council. A memo behind Tab 04 provides specific information about the panelists.
- **Item 5:** After lunch we will again open up the hearing to receive public testimony.
- **Item 6:** Finally, there will be an opportunity for the Board to discuss the testimony received and to provide direction about next steps. Because of a filing error, the public comment period ends at midnight today. The Board may not adopt a rule while public comment is still being taken, so adopting the rule at today's meeting is not an option. The materials behind Tab06 include a decision tree providing a series of possible choices the Board could make.

**Recommended Board Action**

None.