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

**FROM:** Environmental Health Committee, State Board of Health—  
Keith Higman, Karen VanDusen, and John Austin

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED REVISION OF SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
AND SAFETY RULES: CHAPTER 246-366A WAC – COMMENTS FROM  
OTHER STATE AGENCIES**

**Background and Summary**

At its October and November 2006 meetings, the Washington State Board of Health heard from representatives of other state agencies about authorities and possible gaps in environmental health and safety protections in K-12 schools in Washington State. At its December 2006 meeting, the Board directed staff to work with partners to develop rules that are not redundant with the rules of other agencies and that focus on filling gaps in protections provided by those agencies.

Because of this directive to work with other agencies and avoid redundancies, we have asked representatives of the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I), and the Building Code Council (BCC) to comment on the published rule. Speaking today will be:

- From OSPI, Jennifer Priddy, Assistant Superintendent for K-12 Fiscal Services and Policy, and Gordon Beck, Director of School Facilities and Organization;
- From L&I, Beth Hoffman, Manager of Regulatory and Legal Services (Lezlie Perrin, L&I Manager of Compliance Support, is also available to assist with answering any questions from Board members);
- From BCC, Tim Nogler, Managing Director.

Mr. Nogler and Ms. Perrin both spoke to the Board at its October 2006 meeting and participated in the gap analysis panel at the November 2006 school rule study session.

**Recommended Board Action**

None.