

COALITION FOR HEALTHIER SCHOOLS

...providing the forum and the platform for school environmental health...
coordinated by Healthy Schools Network

6th Annual Meeting
December 1-2-3, 2008
hosted by
National Institute of Building Sciences
Washington, DC

HEALTHY KIDS/HEALTHY SCHOOLS

EXPANDING POLICY AND ACTION: 2009 and Beyond!

Who participated?

99 people from
24 states and **two** Canadian provinces,
representing **30** national and **59** state or local groups,
such as federal and state agency staff, unions, and NGO advocates.

**(States: CA, CT, DC, DE, GA, IL, MA, MD, ME, MN, MO,
NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, TN, TX, UT, WA, WI)**

All presentation materials were posted to the web, pre and post meeting.
If you are missing an item, please email info@healthyschools.org

**To see presentation slides of the CHPS-sponsored webinar on "Green Schools"
with Greg Kats, see agenda link below.**

- WHAT ~** annual Coalition live & * virtual meeting from Washington, DC
with in-person presentations, scheduled webcasts and online handouts
- WHY ~** to link to colleagues nationwide: to learn; to inspire and be inspired; to network; to expand
collaborations; to seed new work in the field
- WHEN ~** **Monday, December 1st:** 11 am- 5 pm EST
Tuesday, December 2nd: 1 pm – 5 pm EST
Wednesday, December 3rd: 2-3 pm EST CHPS webinar; DC-area Workshops
- WHERE ~** **Monday and Tuesday in-person at**
National Institutes of Building Sciences
NIBS operates the National Clearinghouse on Educational Facilities
www.edfacilities.org
1090 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 700 | Washington, DC
❖ and virtually from your own office/home-phone & computer

Note- there are no meetings at NIBS on Wednesday, Dec. 3rd.

FINAL Agenda and Schedule for December 2008

Many thanks to the National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS),
to the Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS),
and to many Coalition members who made this meeting possible.

Monday, Dec. 1st

Session One- 11 am- 12:30 pm EST/8 am PST

Green Cleaning presentation and Q&A

Cleaning for Healthy Schools free, customizable training Toolkit & model bill text

Moderator: Cheryl Baldwin, Green Seal

Presenter: Marian Condon, RN, MS

Nat'l. Collaborative Work Group on Green Cleaning

Q&A

Session Two- 1- 2:45 pm EST/10 am PST

IAQ in School: State Laws-- What Works?

Introductory Remark: Joellen Lawson, ConnFESS

Moderator: Bob Axelrad, US EPA

Presenter: Tobie Bernstein, Environmental Law Institute

Panel Reactors: Tolle Graham, MA-Healthy Schools Network/ MasssCOSH;
Ginny Frazier, ALLY, Cincinnati, OH; Maria Mason, Coalition for
Environmentally Safe Schools, WA; Claire Barnett, Healthy Schools
Network-NY Program; Julia Earl, Preventing Harm, MN

Q&A

Session Three- 3- 4 pm EST/12 noon PST

Toxic Turf - issues and opportunities and Q&A

Moderator: Shirley Schantz, RN, EdD, NASN

Presenters: Judy Braiman, RAMP, Rochester, NY

David Brown, EHHSI, New Haven, CT

Q&A

Session Four- 4-5 pm EST/1 pm PST

National Healthy Schools Day, Monday, April 27, 2009 and School Building Week

Co-presenters:

Barbara Worth, Associate Executive Director, CEFPI

Jen Sentar, Coordinator, NHSD/Healthy Schools Network

Open discussion

Nat'l Healthy Schools Day and School Building Week, encouraging awareness events and activities targeting healthy indoor environmental quality in schools. How to use this opportunity to move the IAQ in Schools agenda into your district/city/county/state. Share your ideas and your successes; inspire others by your work of the last few years.

Visit www.nationalhealthyschoolsday.org or www.cefp.org >SBW

5 pm → Dinner on your own

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd

Session Five- 1- 2:30 pm EST/10 am PST **webinar sponsored by CHPS.net**

Webinar Instructions. You must pre-register at www.chps.net/events/gkatswebinar, then SAVE the return email which gives you a unique call-in number and web link to access the online presentation from your phone/computer.

We are deeply grateful to CHPS for
generously sponsoring this session.

Cost & Benefits of Healthy High Performance Schools

Moderator: Charles Eley, Executive Director, CHPS

Guest Speaker: Greg Kats

Greening America's Schools-Costs and Benefits

Visit <http://www.chps.net/events/gkatswebinarslides> for webinar presentation slides.

About CHPS, Charles Eley
Q&A

Session Six- 3:00- 5:00 pm EST/12 noon PST
Roundtable: 2009 and Beyond- the new Administration

Moderated by Vernice Miller-Travis, Healthy Schools Network Board

Presenters: Carol Stroebel and Nse Obot/CEHN;

Apollo Alliance (*invited*); Claire Barnett

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPATION ENCOURGED

6 pm → Dinner on your own

Wed., Dec. 3rd

Session Seven- No call-ins. *DC-only Workshops-* Cleaning for Healthy Schools

Session Eight- 2 pm-3pm EST/11 am- 12 noon PST
Introduction to CHPS- School Design and Operations- Webinar

Webinar hosted by CHPS. Pre-register at
<http://www.chps.net/events/trainingRSVP.htm>

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Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6th

US EPA 9th Annual *IAQ Tools for Schools* Symposium

Visit www.epa.gov/iaq for Symposium hotel and other information

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December 2008 Annual Meeting
Moderators and Presenters

Axelrad, Bob: Bob Axelrad is Senior Policy Advisor, Indoor Environments Division, US Environmental Protection Agency. As the first director of EPA's Indoor Air Division (1988-1995), Bob was responsible for the development of much of EPA's policy and guidance on indoor air quality, including the original Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools program. From 1998 to 2001, Bob served as co-chair of the Asthma Workgroup of the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, then co-authored the national strategy document *Asthma and the Environment: A Strategy to Protect Children*, which served as the basis for a successful FY2000 Presidential budget initiative to address environmental factors impacting childhood asthma. He is currently managing an EPA-wide effort to integrate EPA's programs for K-12 schools. The cornerstone of this effort is EPA's Healthy School Environments Assessment Tool (Healthy SEAT) a software program pioneered in Los Angeles that helps school districts conduct, track, and manage comprehensive environmental, health, and safety assessments of their school facilities. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/schools/>

Baldwin, Cheryl, PhD: Cheryl Baldwin is the Vice President of Science and Standards for Green Seal, where she oversees the development of new and revision of current Green Seal environmental leadership standards. Part of this responsibility included the recent revision of the GS-37 Green Seal standard for industrial and institutional cleaners. Current standards projects include Restaurants and Food Service Operations, Consumer Soaps and Shower Products, Energy Efficient Lighting, and Personal Care Products. She also leads Green Seal's life cycle and technical research identifying environmental opportunities across industries from food to energy. Prior to joining Green Seal she spent several years in the food industry where she led Health and Wellness research and initiated a sustainability program that leveraged life cycle analysis. Cheryl has global product commercialization experience; holds US and international patents; and has published peer-reviewed scientific articles. Cheryl holds a Ph.D. and M.S. from Cornell University and a B.S. from the University of Illinois. Visit www.greenseal.org

Barnett, Claire, MBA: Barnett is executive director of Healthy Schools Network and coordinator, Coalition for Healthier Schools. She has collaborated to shape and win new laws and funds for schools in New York and nationally, led Congressional and White House briefings, developed dozens of guides and reports on school conditions, and fostered advocacy coalitions in the states. She serves on multiple federal and state advisory committees. Prior to founding the Network, she had more than 25 years in public agency and nonprofit management, including assisting local governments with sustainable Main Street development; expanding rural public health services for families and children; reporting for TIME Magazine; and serving on the boards of environment, health, and community NGOs, including serving as a PTO President. She received a BA from Mount Holyoke College and an MBA (Health Finance) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Visit www.healthyschools.org

Bernstein, Tobie, JD: Tobie Bernstein is a Senior Attorney at the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C. Her work focuses on strengthening governmental programs and policies that address the health and environmental impacts of buildings. She has done extensive research, writing and outreach on state and local policy approaches to improving indoor air quality in schools, homes and offices. She has also analyzed government policies and programs to advance health and sustainable design and construction. Since 1995, Tobie has written about Mexican environmental law and policy, and has worked in partnership with community-based environmental justice organizations in the southwestern U.S. to develop environmental policy training and education programs. Prior to joining ELI, Tobie was an attorney with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau. She received a B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and a J.D. from Harvard. Visit www.eli.org

Braiman, Judy, BS: Judy Braiman is founder and President of the Empire State Consumer Project and co-founder and President of RAMP, Rochesterians Against the Misuse of Pesticides. She has been involved in consumer advocacy for decades, including serving on multiple federal and state task forces: the FDA Vaccine Advisory Council, USD Commerce Interagency Task Force on Product Liability, FDA Microbiology Device Panel,

Adviser to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, and others. She co-authored Consumer Reports “The Toy-Buying Guide” (1988), and has consulted with Consumer Reports as a toy safety expert. RAMP also tested CCA-pressure treated wood which led to New York banning CCA-wood for playgrounds. Visit www.kindersafe.org for more product testing results.

Brown, David, ScD: David Brown lives in Westport, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Cornell University (B.S.), The University of California at Berkeley MS in Environmental Health and of the Harvard School of Public Health, Sc.D. Toxicology. Dr. Brown is an adjunct faculty member of the Applied Ethics Department at Fairfield University in Fairfield Connecticut where he teaches courses in Ethics and the Environment. Dr. Brown is a founding board member of Environment and Human Health Inc, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the protecting public health from environmental harms through research, education and promotion of sound public policy. He is presently Director, Public Health Toxicology, Environment and Human Health Inc. Visit www.EHHL.org

Condon, Marian, RN, MS: Marian Condon is a nurse specializing in environmental health. She is a consultant to non-profit organizations on environmental and occupational health issues, and an adjunct instructor in an environmental health-focused community health clinical at the University of Maryland, School of Nursing. Ms. Condon is also the Coordinator, National Collaborative Work Group on Green Cleaning and Chemical Policy Reform in Schools, spear-headed by the Healthy Schools Network. Ms. Condon has written and presented on occupational and environmental health issues to nursing audiences and beyond. She previously served as an elementary school teacher, and has earned a Bachelor’s degree in early childhood education, a Bachelor’s degree in nursing from the Johns Hopkins University, and a Master’s degree in community and public health nursing from the University of Maryland, School of Nursing. Visit www.cleaningforhealthyschools.org

Earl, Julia, MS: Julia Earl is Executive Director of Preventing Harm Minnesota (PHM). Julia has blended her concern for children’s well-being with environmental factors since her tenure as a Peace Corps twenty years ago through the present as a children’s environmental health advocate. PHM is working to reduce children’s exposure to toxic chemicals through policy change in municipalities, schools and at the state level. PHM conducts extensive community outreach and education helping people understand the need for change. Participants have included Early Childhood Family Education and Head Start parents to Correctional Facility employees to church women. Julia and Preventing Harm Minnesota are working for green schools in Saint Paul by reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides and toxic cleaning products. Visit www.preventingharmmn.org

Eley, Charles, FAIA, PE: Charles Eley is architect, city planner and mechanical engineer by trade. For 35 years, Eley was president of Eley Associates, San Francisco, then the firm merged with Architectural Energy Corp., which is headquartered in Boulder, CO, and has offices in San Francisco and Chicago. Eley is Architectural Energy’s vice president. After CHPS organized as a not-for-profit in 2002 and Eley was named executive director, he produced the five-volume *CHPS Best Practices Manual*. CHPS—the Collaborative for High Performance Schools -- mission is to facilitate the design of high performance schools’ environments that are energy and resource efficient, healthy, comfortable, well lit, and contain the amenities needed for a quality education. CHPS developed the nation’s first green building rating program especially for schools. Visit www.chps.net

Frazier, Ginny: Ginny Frazier is the Executive Director of Alliance for Leadership and Interconnection (ALLY), a citizen’s advocacy group for green and healthy schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. By working in collaboration with Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS), architects, and community leaders, ALLY was a citizen catalyst for green and healthy schools in Cincinnati and in Ohio. Soon after CPS passed a green and healthy schools resolution, the Ohio School Facilities Commission made the decision to require every school in every district to attain a minimum of LEED Silver, making it the largest green school design program in the country. Earth Day Network is using Cincinnati as the model for their national Green Schools Campaign. Ginny is also Chairs the Cincinnati Public Schools’ Indoor Air Quality Initiative. Visit www.allyohio.org

Graham, Tolle: Tolle Graham coordinates the MA-Healthy Schools Network, a statewide coalition of parents, teachers, school staff, public health and environmental activists working to improve indoor air quality and environmental conditions in schools, a program of Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health where she is a trainer/ organizer. For the past 32 years, the MassCOSH has worked in partnership labor unions, workers and community groups to foster safe, secure jobs and healthy communities in central and eastern Massachusetts. She has worked as a workplace health, safety and environment trainer and advocate for 21 years,

and is also a founding member of the Boston Urban Asthma Coalition's Healthy Schools Committee that advocates for clean and healthy schools in Boston. Visit www.masscosh.org > Healthy Schools.

Kats, Gregory H., MBA, MPA, LEED: Greg Kats is a Principal of Capital E, a premier provider of strategic consulting, technology assessment and deployment, and advisory services to firms and investors in the clean energy industry. He is also a Managing Director of [Good Energies](http://www.goodenergies.com), a leading investor in solar energy, wind energy, load management and green buildings. He is a Senior Advisor to Cherokee Investment Partners, the country's largest private brownfields development fund (with over \$5 billion in projected green developments) and serves on Cherokee's Sustainability Board. He is the lead advisor to the cast and ductile iron industries in guiding greening and green branding of their building products. He has been the Principal Advisor in developing \$1 billion of green low income housing, involving Enterprise Community Partnership, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, American Institute of Architects, and others. He has also served as the Director of Financing for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy (1996-2001). Visit www.cap-e.com

Lawson, Joellen, BA, MS (Counseling), MS (School Health):

Prior to her disability retirement in 2001, Joellen Lawsons' twenty-three year career as an educator/consultant included working as a founding member of the Attention Deficit Disorders Institute, seminar leader for the Institute for Creative Education, and as a special education teacher for several public school systems in Connecticut. In 2002, she founded the Connecticut Foundation for Environmentally Safe Schools (ConnFESS) where she is Honorary President. Visit <http://pollutionfreeschools.org/>. After December 2008, look for a user's guide to CT laws regarding IAQ in schools and how to see if a school is in compliance.

Mason, Maria, BA: Maria lives on Bainbridge Island in Washington State. She became a "parent activist" and helped found the Coalition for Environmentally Safe School (CESS) in 1993 when the school her children attended had IAQ problems. She helped draft IPM (Integrated Pest Management) policies for the Bainbridge Island School district in 1997, the City of Bainbridge, and the Island's Park District with help from EPA and Washington Toxics Coalition. She has advocated for Washington State Government agencies to strengthen their procedures and policies for dealing with sick schools. Since 2004 she has been participating with School Environmental Health & Safety committees updating Washington Administrative Codes (known as WAC's) that have not been worked on for over 30 years. These rules establish minimum environmental health and safety standards for school facilities. She is currently working to help draft new bills to fund and support the new WAC's. CESS is active in the Toxic Free Legacy Coalition.

Miller- Travis, Vernice: Vernice Miller-Travis is an Urban Planner and a graduate of Columbia University, and author of numerous articles on race and land-use, environmental justice, Brownfields redevelopment and hazardous waste policy, sustainable community development, historic preservation, and neighborhood revitalization. She is also the recipient of a Charles H. Revson graduate fellowship from Columbia University (1992), and a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Leadership Fellowship (1997). As a former program officer of the Ford Foundation (2000-2003), she launched that institution's environmental justice portfolio in the United States. She directed over 12.2 million dollars in grant funds to grow the capacity of the environmental justice movement in the U.S. and abroad. Previous leadership positions include: Executive Director of the Environmental Support Center; Executive Director, and then Coordinator of Strategic Development and Outreach, Groundwork USA, a network of independent nonprofit environmental organizations; director of the Environmental Justice Initiative at the Natural Resources Defense Council (1993-1999); and, member, US EPA National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (1996-2001). She may be contacted through the Board of the Healthy Schools Network, www.healthyschools.org

Obot-Witherspoon, Nsedu, MPH: Nse Obot-Witherspoon is Executive Director, Children's Environmental Health Network, where her responsibilities include successfully organizing, leading, and managing policy, education/training, and science-related programs. She has directed CEHN's Strategic Plan to serve as the "Voice for Children's Environmental Health" in the nation's capital for the past 8 years, serving as a key spokes person for children's vulnerabilities and the need for their protection, conducting presentations and lectures across the country. She serves on the leadership of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Environmental Health Section and as Chair-Elect for the Intersection Council. Ms. Witherspoon is member of the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Director's Council and Coordinator of the NIEHS Public Interest Partners group. She is also a member of the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She has a BS in Biology and a Master's in Public Health in Maternal and Child Health, from The George Washington University. Visit www.cehn.org

Schantz, Shirley, RN, EdD, ARNP: Shirley Schantz is the nursing education director at the National Association of School Nurses which is the primary source of information for school nurses. The National Association of School Nurses improves the health and educational success of children and youth by developing and providing leadership to advance school nursing practice. She has served on national committees addressing the health and well being of all children. Shirley has a background in academia focusing on school health and maternal/child health. Visit www.nasn.org

Sentar, Jennifer, BA: Jennifer Sentar is the program and research assistant at Healthy Schools Network and coordinator of National Healthy Schools Day. As coordinator and as technical support for the office, she has helped spur and map events in twenty states and cities, as well as design the new web and logo, manage all the contacts, and support webinars. She also has researched and drafted several Healthy Schools Network guides, supervised college interns, monitored bills and committees in the state capitol, and worked closely on special events. Visit www.nationalhealthyschoolsday.org

Stroebel, Carol: Carol Stroebel is the Health Policy Specialist for the Children's Environmental Health Network. She has experience at many levels of government, educating and promoting policy change on a variety of issues, with a focus on environmental health, including expert knowledge of the public health community, the regulatory process, Congress and the media. She has developed and implemented successful strategies integrating these participants and processes to advance public policy and coordinated advocacy efforts that have guided policy development in and out of government. Stroebel served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from 1994-1996, as legislative director for former U.S. Representative Norman Y. Mineta, as press secretary to a Midwestern Governor, and as Director of Federal Affairs for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. Visit www.cehn.org

Wooley, Susan, PhD, CHES, FASHA: Susan Wooley is Executive Director, American School Health Association, and a National Adviser to Healthy Schools Network. ASHA's mission is to protect and promote the health of children and youth by supporting coordinated school health programs as a foundation for school success. Visit www.ashaweb.org

Worth, Barbara: Barbara Worth is Associate Executive Director for the Council of Educational Facility Planners- International, worldwide professional non-profit association whose sole mission is improving the places where children learn. CEFPI members, individuals, institutions and corporations are actively involved in planning, designing, building, equipping and maintaining schools and colleges and meet regularly in their state and regional affiliates. As a marketing and public relations leader, she has led the development of CEFPI's "School Building Week" with dozens of national partner groups and federal agencies; the first day of SBW is National Healthy Schools Day. Visit www.cefpi.org and click on > Programs and Events > School Building Week.