

Resolution Title: Reaffirmation of the Resolutions on Air Quality
in Our Schools
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WHEREAS, the number of schools that are aged and deteriorating increases, and the number of new schools built is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the Arab oil Embargo of 1973 changed the laws governing the levels of fresh air taken into public buildings, thereby changing the building code; and

WHEREAS, the buildings of today are more energy efficient, but often limit the amount of fresh air; and

WHEREAS, the use of many man-made building products that may off-gas also compromise the quality of indoor air; and

WHEREAS, more students today suffer from asthma and allergies that would only be heightened by poor indoor air quality; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was adopted by delegates to the New York State United Teachers Resolution Assembly but is due to expire in 2005; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New York State United Teachers advocate that any new construction and renovation plans approved by the State Education Department of New York affecting pre-K through Higher Education first meet the standards of American Society of Heating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), as well as be reviewed by an indoor air-quality specialist prior to the approval and construction.