


IPSWICH PUBLIC SCHOOL
Office of the Superintendent

DATE: July 29, 2009
TO: Parents and Staff
FROM: Rick Korb, Superintendent 
RE: Green Cleaning in Schools

This past year the Ipswich Public Schools and its Director of Custodial Services, Paul Bedard, were recognized by "Green Schools Inc." for an effort to convert from traditional cleaning products in our schools, which sometimes are toxic, to the new "Green Seal" certified cleaning products, which are environmentally safe. Cleaning products are necessary to maintain a sanitary environment in schools. However, many chemicals in cleaning products may be hazardous to the environment and to the health of students and staff. "Green Cleaning" reduces environmental and health risks by selecting alternative, environmentally sensitive products, applying those products properly, and by implementing maintenance practices that minimize exposure to cleaning products.

In this upcoming school year, the Ipswich Public Schools will continue in its efforts to totally convert its cleaning products to those that are "Green Seal" certified. To assist us in this effort we ask all parents and staff to cooperate with us, and should you wish to donate or bring cleaning products to the schools, please be sure that they are "Green Seal" certified. The "Green Seal" certification symbol looks like this:



There is nothing more important than the health and welfare of our students and staff, and we ask you for your assistance as we transition from those traditional cleaning products to Green Schools' "Green Seal" approved products.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

RLK/kc

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