

## Washington State Board of Health

School Environmental Health and Safety: Chapter 246-366 and Chapter 246-366A WAC Effective Date Extension

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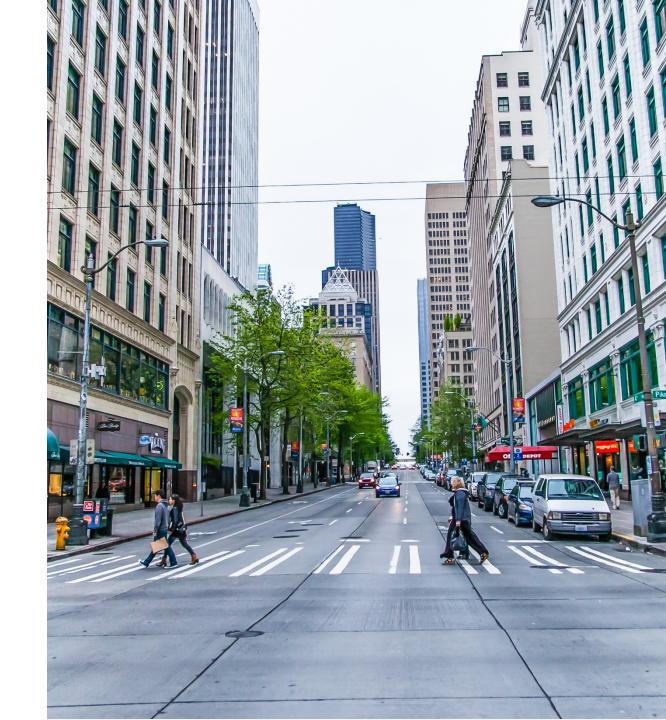
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## Background

- The Board has the authority under RCW 43.20.050 to set environmental public health standards for schools
- In August 2009, the Board adopted new sections of chapter 246-366 WAC, Primary and Secondary Schools, as well as new chapter 246-366A, Environmental Health and Safety Standards for Primary and Secondary Schools
- These rules provide minimum environmental health and safety standards for schools



#### Background

- Before the rules could be implemented the 2009 Legislature adopted a budget proviso suspending implementation of the rules until the Legislature acts to formally fund implementation
- The proviso has been included in all subsequent state operating budgets
- The Board agreed to review actions of the Legislature at the end of each session to determine whether any portions of the rules could be implemented

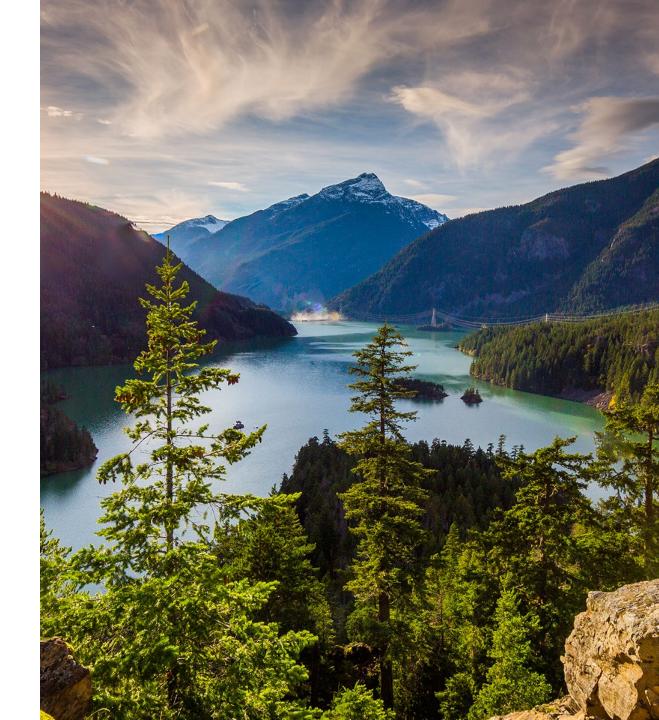


#### **Prior Board Action**

The Board took action to delay the effective date of the school rules on:

- March 10, 2010
- April 13, 2011
- March 13, 2013
- March 11, 2015
- June 14, 2017
- June 12, 2019

The proviso was retained in the 2021-2023 state operating budget.



#### Potential Future Revisions

- References to federal laws, rules, and/or guidance
- Alignment with recent state legislation
- Consideration of new standards (e.g., indoor air quality)
- Reviewing rules and associated analysis using an equity and environmental justice lens



## **Next Steps**

- The current effective date of these rules is August 1, 2021.
- The Board will need to file a new CR-103 before August 2021 to extend the effective date for certain sections of chapter 246-366 WAC and new chapter 246-366A.
  - The effective date will be extended to August 1, 2023.
- Until the budget proviso is lifted and we are able to implement the updated school rules, the existing chapter (246-366) remains in effect.

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