

June 24, 2016

Ms. Julie Davies
Office Administrator
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
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Dear Ms. Davies;

Thank you for your letter of June 16, 2016 regarding Radon Testing and Remediation and bringing your resolution to PHSA's attention.

As you would be aware, radon is a radioactive, invisible, odorless gas that can seep into buildings through cracks in floors and foundations. It is a naturally occurring, radioactive gas that is formed from the decay of uranium and radium in rocks and soils. When radon seeps into a closed-in space like a house or school, it can be harmful. Long-term exposure to radon has been associated with lung cancer, especially in smokers.

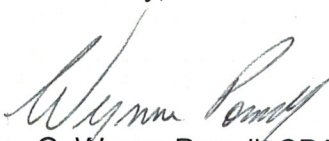
Radon gas from natural sources can accumulate in buildings, especially in confined areas such as basements. While for schools, radon exposure prevention and remediation comes under the purview of the Ministry of Education, BCCDC has performed two studies in the interior of BC to measure radon both in homes and in schools. The best methods to prevent radon accumulation are to build to code specifications and proper ventilation.

Please see the link below to access more information on BCCDC's activities with respect to radon identification and remediation in British Columbia.

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/health-your-environment/contaminants/radon>

Again, thank you for advising PHSA of your resolution. Together we can work together to keep the children of British Columbia healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



G. Wynne Powell, CPA, FCPA, FCGA, D. Tech (Hon.)
Board Chair

Cc: Carl Roy, President & CEO, PHSA
Colleen Hart, Vice President, Provincial Population Health & Chronic and Specialized Populations