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### **Good Indoor Air Quality in Schools is Vital for Proper Learning Environment**

*DUCTZ Indoor Air Professionals recommends ventilation system inspection as part of improving indoor air quality*

**Ann Arbor, Mich., August 23, 2008** – According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), poor indoor air quality has a negative effect on students in schools nationwide. One third of all American schools, the learning environments for about 14 million students, have buildings in need of extensive repair, including the need for improved indoor air quality.

The EPA reports that poor indoor air quality increases student absenteeism, decreases student and staff concentration and student performance, and raises the risk of indoor-air-quality-related health conditions such as asthma and respiratory illnesses.

As the new school year commences, DUCTZ Indoor Air Professionals urges parents, teachers, and administrators to provide an optimal learning and teaching environment by seeing that measures are taken to improve the indoor air quality of schools.

According to the EPA, maintaining properly functioning heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems is an integral part to providing students with good indoor air quality. Coinciding with suggestions by the EPA, DUCTZ recommends taking the following measures to help improve the functioning of a schools' HVAC system:

1. Call a professional who specializes in HVAC system restoration to inspect the school's HVAC system for any elements that could aid in the deterioration of indoor air quality.
2. See that HVAC filters are changed on regular basis to prevent contaminant sources from entering the building.

"Improving a school's indoor air quality benefits everyone involved," said John Rotche, President of DUCTZ. "Parents should insist that their children's school has its HVAC system inspected before the beginning of every school year. It is an easy step that can benefit students in a large way."

To schedule DUCTZ service for a school, business, or residential HVAC system please visit [www.ductz.com](http://www.ductz.com) or call 877.DUCTZ.USA.

#### **About DUCTZ Indoor Air Professionals:**

DUCTZ Indoor Air Professionals, owned by Belfor Holdings Inc., is the country's largest network of duct cleaning and HVAC restoration businesses and is headquartered in Ann Arbor, Michigan. DUCTZ has enjoyed tremendous business growth since its establishment in 2004 and now includes over 100 franchise locations nationwide. DUCTZ is a member of the National Air Duct Cleaners Association and strictly adheres

to their stringent guidelines for superior service. Ranked by Entrepreneur Magazine as the number one duct-cleaning franchise in 2008, the expertise of DUCTZ reaches beyond cleaning air ducts to providing for energy efficient HVAC systems and improving overall indoor air quality. For more information or to schedule DUCTZ service, please call 877.DUCTZ.USA (877.382.8987) or visit [www.ductz.com](http://www.ductz.com).

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