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## **Pupils are sickened by fumes—Paterson School 10 hit twice in a week**

The Record (New Jersey)  
Friday, March 19, 1999

Parents of students at Paterson's School 10 could be forgiven for a sense of déjà vu Thursday when, for the second time in a week, the K-8 school was beset by fumes that sent pupils and staffers to hospitals.

As in the previous incident, no one was seriously injured. Thirty-eight students and one teacher complained of symptoms including nausea and burning eyes, caused by low-level exposure to a solvent used to remove graffiti. They were examined at hospitals and released.

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## **School made me sick, aide says in suit**

Deutsch, Kevin. New York Daily News  
[New York, N.Y.] 11 Dec 2011: 4.

AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL teacher's aide who worked 19 years in a notoriously toxin-riddled Bronx school says in a new lawsuit that the building gave her cancer. Rhonda Rivera, 50, claims, in the first suit filed over contamination at the now-shuttered Bronx New School, that the companies that rented and owned the building made it a hotbed of potentially carcinogenic agents. Officials finally closed the school after repeated air monitoring tests revealed dangerous levels of several toxic chemicals, especially trichloroethylene.

## **Glue fumes in ventilation system lead to evacuation at Providence office building**

Published: Friday, August 12, 2011, 6:40 PM  
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By Andrew Joseph, The Oregonian

Fumes from glue being used to put down new roofing got into the ventilation system in an office building at Providence Portland Medical Center Friday afternoon, leading to the evacuation of 150 people.

People in the building started complaining of watery eyes and trouble breathing around 4:45 p.m. Friday, said firefighter Paul Corah, spokesman for Portland Fire & Rescue.

## **Chemical fumes make people sick at a Beaumont elementary school**

Posted: Jan 14, 2011 1:30 PM EST  
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Firefighters say Polyurethane fumes are to blame for a number of people saying they feel sick at a new Beaumont elementary school campus today.

A Beaumont Fire Department dispatcher says nobody had to be taken to the hospital, but around 11:50 AM, the Beaumont Fire Department was called to reports of fumes making people sick at Martin Elementary at 3500 Pine Street. That is a new school campus in North Beaumont. Firefighters discovered the fumes were coming from some contractors putting sealant on the floor in the school's gym.

## **Cleveland wants new elementary school due to floor tiles**

11/2/2010 (Chattanooga Pulse)

"Floor tiles in the school have been discovered to contain a carcinogen and need to be replaced or encapsulated."

## **Strong fumes close Oakstone Academy building**

By: Donna Willis | NBC4  
Published: October 06, 2010

WESTERVILLE, Ohio – Strong fumes close a Westerville private-school building Wednesday morning.

The middle/high school building at Oakstone Academy, 939 S. State St. is dismissing early Wednesday because of a strong odor in the building.

The school's gym floor was sealed, and the resulting fumes are strong. All other buildings are holding classes as scheduled.

## **Renovation a headache for P-Northern**

Kalamazoo Gazette (MI) - Sunday, March 7, 2010  
Author/Byline: Julie Mack

District grapples with next move as construction triggers health complaints

PORTAGE -- It's the middle of a school day at Portage Northern High School, but rooms No. 120 to 125 stand empty.

Renovated last fall, the four classrooms and two science labs have new floors and freshly painted walls. The labs have new equipment; the classrooms have state-of-the-art "smart" boards.

Twice since November, teachers and students have moved in -- only to move out because of concerns that something in the newly remodeled wing is making people ill.

At least five teachers and seven students at Northern say they have, or have had, illnesses they believe are related to airborne toxins caused by the renovation.

## **East Hartford School evacuated over solvent fumes**

Journal Inquirer (Manchester, CT) –  
Friday, May 30, 2008  
EAST HARTFORD – Langford

Elementary School on Alps Street was evacuated for about 30 minutes Thursday after teachers complained of breathing difficulties caused by fumes from a cleaning solvent.

## **Chemical fumes sicken one employee at TCNJ**

Published: Wednesday, October 26, 2011, 9:49 AM  
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By David Karas/The Times

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## **Construction fumes spur Salisbury High complaint. Mother says asthmatic son has been ill; officials say air quality levels acceptable**

August 19, 2010|By Sarah Fulton,  
SPECIAL TO THE MORNING CALL

The mother of a Salisbury Township High School student is concerned that a construction project at the school may be making students ill, but district officials say air quality requirements have been met.

Roxane Stout said her son, who is going to be a junior this year, came home from school several times last school year complaining of headaches and nausea. Stout said her son has asthma and hadn't needed his medication for four years until the past year, when construction began at the high school. She took her concerns to the school board Wednesday.

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