

Twinbrook Elementary School
Safety, Security, and Instructional Space Issues

Attachment to RM Cluster Testimony before the BOE
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All information obtained from “Montgomery County Public Schools Facility and Assessment with Criteria and Testing – Twinbrook Elementary School, 94881.10R-028.017,” July 21, 2011.

Safety Issues:

- No ventilation in an outdoor tractor building containing gasoline tanks, only several feet from the school building. (p. 6)
- Asbestos in the floor tiles and ceiling throughout the school (p. 5), reported by Division of Maintenance on 9/1/10 in classrooms 175, 175, IMC office areas, boiler room, and conference room. Some of the tile reported damaged, missing, delaminated. (p. 6)
- “This school has not been tested for lead based paint.” (p. 6) Parts of this school are nearly sixty years old, the newest parts are twenty-six years old.
- No radon detectors (p. 5), yet radon detected in rooms 102, 205, 310 and the IMC in testing in 1987. (p. 6) No known follow-up.
- Outside air vent damper is not capable of being completely closed in case of a biohazard. (p. 6)
- Electrical outlets located near individual classroom sinks do not have GFCI receptacles. (p. 6)
- Classroom water fountains, located in all of the standard classrooms, have been designated unsafe for drinking since May 2004. Several have been taped over, some tape has been removed. Have any of the fountains been disabled? (p. 4)
- No “No PCB” labels on the transformer. (p. 5)
- Only hydrants available are on public streets approximately 250 feet from the building on the south end, no Siamese connections. (p. 5)
- Some of the closets are sprinklered, none of the remainder of the school is sprinklered. (p. 5)
- Computer lab shares a power circuit with the main hot and chilled water circulation pump motors and other HVAC equipments. (p. 6)
- Inadequate ADA access: bathroom in health services room is not accessible (p. 4), lower level (including portables) is not accessible. (p. 5)
- Food services sink does not have a disposal or pre-rinse spray. (p. 4)

Security Issues:

- No video surveillance at the lower level entrances, portables, or service entrances. (p. 5)
- No P.A. system speakers in the restrooms. (p. 5)
- No security telephones or handsets in the classrooms or other student occupied spaces, to allow for private calls to the main office. (p. 5)

Educational/Instructional Space Inadequacies (all from page 4):

- Food services (in a school with a 65+% annual average FARMS rate): 42.57% deficient in size
- Staff development area: 56.62% deficient in size (while rolling out Curriculum 2.0 and continuing special education inclusion, in a school with high FARMS and ESOL?)
- Instructional support rooms: 32.22% deficient in size
- Computer laboratory: 43% deficient in size
- General storage: 60.67-79.13% deficient in size