

Dear Bolton Families,

As part of the Oregon Health Authority's Healthy and Safe Schools Plan, all Oregon schools are required to test for radon by Jan. 1, 2021. To ensure all West Linn-Wilsonville schools are safe and healthy, and to meet the new OHA mandates, the District will begin testing select schools during the week of February 11, 2019, including Bolton Primary School.

Tests will take place during the school day, but will not disrupt classroom learning. Test canisters will be placed throughout each building for a 72-hour period, at which time they will be collected for testing. Testing devices are not dangerous and are also small and unobtrusive. We will share the results of the radon testing in the coming weeks.

The Environmental Protection Agency has established 4.0 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/L) as the action level for radon, and elevated radon levels in schools can be reduced quickly with changes in ventilation. Radon comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil and rock and is found throughout Oregon in many different types of buildings. Breathing high levels of radon over a long period of time can cause lung cancer.

For more information regarding radon testing in WLWV schools, contact Facilities Manager Pat McGough at McGoughP@wlwv.k12.or.us. For information on how homes can be tested easily and at low cost can be found at www.healthoregon.org/radon. OHA offers free test kits to homes located in zip codes where test information is not available. Find out if you are eligible by contacting OHA's Radon Awareness Program at [971-673-0440](tel:971-673-0440) or radon.program@state.or.us.