

**South Wasco County School Dist. #1
Public Notice
VOC Fumes at Grade School Gym
Results of 4/9/17 Preliminary Report**

South Wasco School District takes the safety of our students, staff and the public very seriously. Therefore when concerns that a finish used to refinish the grade school stage may contain high levels of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) which may be harmful to humans we acted quickly. The district contacted Gresham HazMat who evaluated the Old District Building Lower and Upper Hallways and rooms, along with the gymnasium and stage area.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has set a threshold of 500 parts per million for VOC exposure. According to OSHA's standards an employee can work safely in an area with up to 500 ppm, 8 hours a day/40 hours a week. After evaluating all areas of the building the highest reading the HazMat team discovered was 3 ppm. Well below the safety threshold. Therefore, there is no risk of any long-term physical damage to humans.

Even though a long-term threat to health is not an issue. There is still a residual smell from the finish, and some people may still be susceptible to the smell and get a tight chest, scratchy throat or watery eyes. To help with the residual smell the district has placed fans throughout the building to help move more air.

Please see our webpage under District, then Public Notice for more specifics or contact Scott Anderson, Director of Operations at (541)395-2225.