

MOTION

No. 39

Prohibit Construction that could result in the release of dangerous particulates in Schools with Children Present

Trish Altass gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Karla Bernard, the following Motion:

WHEREAS Hazardous construction materials, such as asbestos, remain relatively safe until construction or renovations disturb the materials which results in airborne particulates that, when breathed in, are detrimental to one's health;

AND WHEREAS; Asbestos was widely used in Canada and PEI prior to 1980 in the construction of public buildings including grade schools prior to knowing of its carcinogenic effects;

AND WHEREAS Prince Edward Island initiated new construction projects at five Island schools in 2019;

AND WHEREAS PEI's Chief Public Health Office conducted an independent review of a 2016-2019 construction site at Three Oaks Senior High School, which found that air quality tests at the school did not always meet recommended Health Canada guidelines and one day were high in asbestos readings;

AND WHEREAS PEI's Chief Public Health Office review of the construction site at the Three Oaks Senior High School reported some breaks in hazardous material containment protocols (asbestos);

AND WHEREAS students have the right to be safe when they attend school and to have clear policies in place to protect their rights and give them a voice should they need it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urges Government to prohibit any further construction that could result in the release of dangerous particulates in public schools while students are present.

Signed by: Trish Altass

Signed by: Karla Bernard

Date: November 12, 2019

