

Healthy Schools Design and Construction: guidelines for building Healthy Schools

The document, Healthy Schools Design and Construction, was created by an inter-departmental committee to be used as a guide for building Nova Scotia's benchmark Healthy School, Halifax West High School. Robinson chaired the committee and was the document's primary author. CASLE's Debbie Hum served with Robinson on the Healthy Schools Construction Committee along with Gerald Muise of the Department of Education and Phillip Cox, P.Eng., of the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and assisted by several advisors who are listed in the document.

Success: For the first time, the opening of a new school was not accompanied by multiple student and staff reports of illness connected to the Indoor Air Quality of a new school building. Complaints from such things as, for example, off-gassing of chemicals from new building materials or from malfunctioning ventilation systems.

Healthy Schools Design and Construction 2003: <https://casle.ca/healthy-school-design-and-construction-2003/>

This is the location of the document posted in full. The inter-departmental committee that produced it chose to keep the original document on CASLE's website and then to implement the document item by item into the Provincial departmental documents as these documents were reviewed and redrafted over time. The NS Departments of Education, Health, Public Works and Labour continue to use the document. For example, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (Public Works) incorporated about 90% of the document over a two-year process into the appropriate sections of the DC350 Design Requirements Manual Nova Scotia so that all new public buildings (offices, prisons, etc) would be built as Healthy Buildings.

<https://novascotia.ca/tran/works/dc350.asp>