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ANYTOWN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES DEMAND BOARD ACT ON BAD AIR

Anytown, IL – October 15, 2008 Wearing gas masks and chanting “Bad air, unfair!” members of the Hometown Education Association (HEA) filled the audience section at the Hometown school board meeting Tuesday evening. The protesters were demanding board action to clean up the air in district buildings.

According to HEA, air in school buildings has been tainted since September. Renovations to the 75-year-old building have resulted in asbestos contamination and serious problems with the heating and air conditioning systems, said local association President Jane Educator.

“Schools are supposed to be safe places,” said Educator. “We’re experiencing headaches and coughs. We’re very concerned about the long-term impact on the health of students and school employees.”

The State Board and local school officials have ignored HEA requests to relocate the building’s teachers, students and school employees. HEA is consulting with attorneys from the Illinois Education Association to decide whether legal action should be taken against the board. The board took no action Tuesday.

“The current situation is unacceptable. The board is obligated to provide a safe environment for teaching and learning. We will use all appropriate means to make sure the students and school employees are safe in school buildings,” she said.

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