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## **Protect|ED Urges Massachusetts School Districts Not to Miss Out on State Grant for Air Quality Improvements**

*October 28 Deadline Approaching to Apply for Improving Ventilation and Air Quality in Public School Buildings Grant*

**Cincinnati, Ohio – (October 5, 2022)** – As a trusted indoor air quality consultant to school districts nationwide, [Protect|ED](#) is urging Massachusetts school districts not to delay and miss out of the \$100 million in grant funding available through the [Massachusetts Department of Education](#).

The purpose of the recently announced grant program is to support necessary facilities' needs and repairs to improve ventilation and indoor air-quality, supporting healthy learning environments in districts and schools with high concentrations of economically disadvantaged students.

“Parents want to know school leaders are doing everything they can to ensure the health and well-being of their children in the classroom,” said C.J. MacConnell, President and Co-Founder of Protect|ED. “Historically, facility improvements have been significantly underfunded, especially impacting disadvantaged communities with aging buildings. Districts should not miss out on the opportunity to make vital improvements to enhance the quality of air in their schools, which research tells us, leads to improved cognitive function and test scores.”

### **Leaders in Clean Air**

Beyond providing trusted counsel to school districts, Protect|ED is most well-known for its air purification unit the *WellAir Protect 900W with NanoStrike™ Technology*. The medical-grade equipment is ideal for the academic setting. The slim, lightweight unit can be easily mounted on a wall. It is movable, requires no installation costs and uses less energy than a light bulb. It also requires no maintenance, and its effectiveness does not degrade over time. Additionally, it is whisper quiet and won't disrupt the learning environment.

Over the course of a K-12 education, a child will spend more than 15,000 hours at school. Classrooms, cafeterias, libraries, and gymnasiums — even when cleaned to high standards — are reservoirs for biological and chemical contaminants. The U.S.'s K-12 education system has been plagued with poor air quality for decades and the rise of COVID-19 only compounded the issue.

While there are several technologies that capture pathogens such as allergens on the market (ie. HVAC filters), there are very few that actually eliminate harmful micro-organisms. The patented *NanoStrike™* technology is the ideal complement to filters to create a healthier educational environment for students and faculty. The proven technology is rooted in science and has been embraced by the medical community for the past decade. The system is used by world-renowned medical institutions such as the Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic.

To learn more or set up a consultation for your district, visit [cleanairinschools.com](http://cleanairinschools.com) and connect with C.J. MacConnell, [cj@protectededucation.com](mailto:cj@protectededucation.com), 513.236.2856.

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### **About Protect|ED**

All children deserve to learn in environments that are safe and healthy, while also nurturing their intellectual growth, social engagement and emotional well-being. As a trusted partner to school districts around the country, Protect|ED takes this responsibility seriously and works to support schools who share our commitment to improving the air our young people breathe daily. From offering medical grade air purification technology to PPE products, the Protect|ED team of medical and educational experts support and empower school communities to create healthier learning environments. For more information visit [cleanairinschools.com](http://cleanairinschools.com)

***Editor's Note:*** Experienced interview subjects and expert resources from Protect|ED are available to discuss the importance of improving air quality in schools nationwide.