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School boards skeptical about mould detector

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Staff Writer

School board officials have all but given the thumbs down to an invention local businessmen claim could rid area classrooms of a multi-million dollar mould menace.

York Region and York Catholic school boards are expressing skepticism about a device known as the Aria, a new air sterilization unit developed by two Markham entrepreneurs.

Jim Spencer and Gary Forsythe of ASE 2000 claim certified laboratory tests show the device destroys 99 per cent of viruses, bacteria and mould spores in an average-sized room.

While board officials say they are open to new technologies that may revolutionize the way they deal with mould, they won't trust a device until they're satisfied through, independent tests prove the claims.

"We're certainly willing to look at anything that proves to be effective against mould contamination," public board superintendent of plant services Dave Snelgrove said.

"But I'm skeptical of anything until I can see documented evidence."

While the Aria attacks mould in the air, Snelgrove said he isn't convinced it addresses the root of the problem — spores attached to building materials in the walls of portables, where cold and damp conditions breed mould.

"I'm still not convinced in my own

mind that having a sanitized system on the inside (of a classroom) is acceptable to the public," he said.

Snelgrove said the board will look at a device seriously when businessmen pay for tests that satisfy concerns of a range of people, including health officials and industrial hygienists.

Catholic board chairperson Elizabeth Crowe echoed the same sentiments.

She said officials will consider using the devices when there is compelling and independent evidence to prove they are efficient and cost-effective.

"I don't think we can close our minds when looking at new things," she said.

"But I don't think it (a device) would be an acceptable solution for parents."

"This (device) is not a solution that meets our needs... We're not talking about airborne mould. We're talking about mould on the inside of walls."

The Catholic board has already reviewed literature on air purifiers and declined to use them in classrooms.

For now, they intend to stick with what they're satisfied is the tried and tested method of renovating or replacing portables.

The board has spent about \$4.5 million over the last two years renovating about 300 portables with mould or mould-like conditions.

It has spent approximately \$8 million within the last six months renovating relocatable buildings called Eldales.

Spokesperson Chris Cable acknowledged the techniques are costly but said the board has been a leader in killing mould and laying out an effective long-term plan of attack.

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

"This (device) is not a solution that meets our needs," she said.

"We're not talking about airborne mould. We're talking about mould on the inside of walls."

The board has researched mould-resistant products and stopped using paper drywall — a move that has effectively eliminated the "food source" for mould growth within walls, she added.

Oryst Zyhar, director of York Region's health protection division, has worked with school officials on the issue.

He said the department agrees with the current plan of attack: sanitizing buildings' surfaces and trying to prevent water from leaking into the inside of walls.

"It's nice to have this equipment but we've got to get rid of the source," he said.

Kin Chan, the Town of Richmond Hill's mechanical engineer, acknowledged it's important to take mould from the air but also expressed skepticism the device is fully effective in killing all mould spores in a room.

"You have to eliminate the chance of mould forming in the first place," he said.

— with files from Pat Casey

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