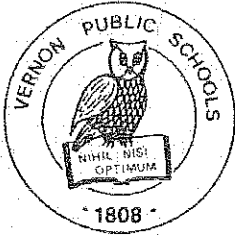


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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you may already know, a law was passed in 2009 by the Connecticut Legislature that requires schools to start a green cleaning program in the schools by July 2011.

I am pleased to report that the Vernon Public School district has implemented this program for the cleaning and maintenance of our school buildings and facilities. For your information, I am attaching a copy of the *Vernon Public Schools Green Cleaning Program*.

I would like to share with you a couple of important highlights of the green cleaning program:

1. **No parent, guardian, teacher or staff member may bring into the school facility any consumer product which is intended to clean, deodorize, sanitize or disinfect.** This important part of the law bans teachers and staff from bringing in their own cleaners, including sanitizers and disinfectants, or deodorizers, and parents (and parent groups) from sending in such products with their child/children. These products often have harmful ingredients. The best way to prevent germs from spreading is to use soap and water or, if unavailable, use the school approved sanitizer.
2. Our custodial and maintenance staff are using green cleaners that have been certified by an independent third-party to make sure that the health and environmental effects from their use are reduced.

I invite you to learn more about the green cleaning program for Vernon Public Schools on our website: www.vernonschools.com under District Information.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation. We need the cooperation of both staff and parents to both comply with the law and protect the health of our students and staff. In the end, the result is a healthier school environment for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary P. Conway".

Mary P. Conway, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Vernon Public Schools
Green Cleaning Program

In compliance with the State of Connecticut requirements as defined in Connecticut Public Act 09-81: An Act Concerning Green Cleaning Products in Schools, we have selected the following environmentally preferable cleaning products for all schools in the Vernon District.

Products Manufactured by Brulin Corporation

*denotes green seal certified

**denotes Eco Logo certified

***denotes EPA registered disinfectant

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>USE</u>
*Brulin Terragreen Neutral Cleaner	Floor Cleaner
*Brulin Terragreen Glass Cleaner	Glass/Plexi-Glass/Multi-Purpose Surface
*Brulin Terragreen Degreaser	Kitchen Floor/Heavy Duty Wall/Multi-Surface
*Brulin Terragreen Hyper-Maxx	Carpet/Shower Room Cleaning
*Brulin Terragreen ZF Finish	Tile and Terrazzo Floor Finish
*Brulin Terragreen Stripper	Floor Finish Remover
**Brulin UHS Cleaner/Maintainer	Floor Finish Maintainer
***Brulin Maxima 256 Disinfectant	Restroom Cleaning, Spray & Wipe Disinfectant

These products are used on a daily basis according to the cleaning schedule established by the district and as necessary.

A detailed color coded chart is posted in each custodial closet indicating the product to use for each cleaning function.

Mr. Joseph Ganges, Building and Grounds Supervisor, is the school district's designee whom the parents, guardian, or student may contact for more information.

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