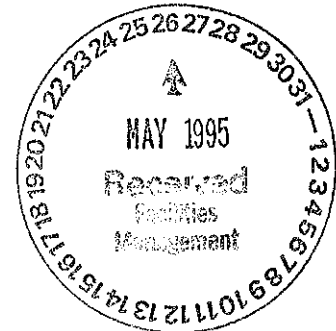




SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL SERVICE CENTER  
214 Park Avenue  
Syracuse, New York 13204

TO: Health & Safety Committee  
FROM: Larry Fiorenza, Supt. of Facilities  
DATE: May 24, 1995



Attached is an additional declaration of purported fact to help dispel the myth of increased absenteeism due to use of most latex paints.

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Attachment

cc: Thomas Cappa - Asst. Supt. for Personnel & School Services  
Steven Busa - Director of Facilities  
Mark Heffron - Asbestos Supervisor



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May 22, 1995

Mr. Rich Purcell  
Purcell's Wallpaper & Paint  
5900 Bridge Street  
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Dear Rich:

Benjamin Moore & Co. is not aware of any correlation between the use of any of our coatings and an increase in absenteeism in schools.

Waterborne latex, acrylic and vinyl acrylic coatings manufactured by Benjamin Moore & Co. do not contain ingredients which under normal circumstances would be offensive. Since these coatings contain very little solvent, when applied following label directions, which includes adequate ventilation, any odors will be minimal and should not pose a health risk to the general population. In addition, any slight odor emitted will not be permanent.

Should specific circumstances dictate that no odor be present in an extremely short period of time, Benjamin Moore & Co.'s Pristine line should be used. Ready mixed colors in this line contain no solvents at all, and virtually all odors dissipate within a 15 minute time period following application.

Sincerely,

**BENJAMIN MOORE & CO.**

*Lynn R. Brady*  
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District Sales Manager

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cc: W.J. Rickli