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## Developing a Healthy School Cleaning Program That Pays

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**Through a process of standardization, repeatable process, and simplified training, the program saved one large western school district approximately \$800,000 in the first year of deployment [1].**

Preventive health care often costs less and pays more in better health and other benefits. According to the U. S. Surgeon General's office: "Prevention policies and programs often are cost-effective, reduce health care costs, and improve productivity." [2]

A 1993 Virginia Tech study evaluated the relationship between building condition (including cleaning) and student achievement and behavior, finding that "student achievement was found to be higher in those buildings with higher quality ratings" and that better test scores were associated with better-looking school buildings, including cosmetic and cleaning-related aspects. [3]

A health-centric, affordable, proven system of cleaning and operations is not only cost-effective, but a "clean for health" program is preventive medicine that pays by making schools healthier and safer for students and staff and contributes to increased attendance, learning, and cost savings.

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