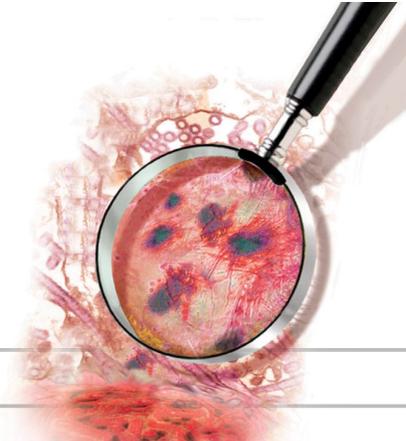


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Chronic Absenteeism Plagues Schools



The CRDC (Civil Rights Data Collection) department released a survey of all public schools and school districts in the United States indicating that 6.5 million students (13% of the student population) missed 15 or more days of school during the most recent school year. Additionally, nearly 500 school districts across the country reported that at least 30% of their students missed at least 15 days. This chronic absenteeism jeopardizes the student's education.

Bactronix is creating safer school environments. Every year, a wide range of foodborne, surface and airborne pathogens infect millions of children nationwide. Children are more susceptible to serious illnesses from viral and bacterial infections because of their weaker immune systems. A school's indoor environment can have a significant impact on the health and safety of students, teachers and staff members. A biologically healthier environment, complete with good indoor air quality (IAQ), can help reduce the number of school days missed by both students, and staff; thereby improving average daily attendance which can increase subsidies school districts receive from the state.

Severe school budget cuts are compounding the problem. Small custodial staffs can sweep and take out the trash but rarely have the time or tools to clean "high contact points" properly. The CDC recommends that schools pay particular attention to high contact points as the surfaces touched by infected students become the main vectors for the spread of disease. A counter may be wiped off and look clean yet still have thousands of bacteria and viruses on the surface. Buses are often overlooked as a breeding ground for bacteria, mold and viruses. If one bus carries 32 children, then there are more than 1,000 different germs inside that bus. Hazardous mold and bacterial contamination also are becoming harder to control with standard cleaning products. Studies show that healthier school environments lead to increased attendance and higher achievement scores, along with higher state subsidies.



Desiree Powell— A Bionomic Specialist for Bactronix offers free educational programs and is certified to teach about possible conditions within schools that could potentially create habitats for dangerous bacteria and fungus. She will teach about microbial migration and how it occurs through cross-contamination for both students and staff. Desiree will demonstrate how the advanced, non-toxic "green" Bactronizing Rapid Response Disinfecting System can help schools to minimize the spread of infectious germs and foster a healthier school environment for everyone!

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