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OEHS Position on Classroom Acoustical Quality

1. The District should acknowledge the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) S12 standard as a District goal that may presently not be achievable in all cases.
2. Where economically feasible, new school design should achieve classroom acoustical quality consistent with the ANSI standard and in no event exceed the current CHPS (California High Performance Schools) standard of 45 dBA.
3. Where economically feasible, new HVAC (Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning) installations should be designed to achieve the lowest possible noise level consistent with the ANSI standard. In no event should these installations exceed the current CHPS standard of 45 dBA.
4. To promote the development of lower noise emitting HVAC units, the District's purchase of new units should give preference to manufacturers producing the lowest noise level at the lowest cost.
5. Existing HVAC units operating in excess of 50 dBA should be modified.