

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 28

QUESTION:

Provide information regarding the testimony of the Northwest Cluster regarding the outdated septic system at Darnestown Elementary School that is causing bathroom odors. Have work orders been submitted to fix the problem?

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: NA

ANSWER:

The septic system at Darnestown Elementary School is old; however, it is functioning as intended. The system is cleaned out every two years and was last cleaned in the spring of 2006. The system will need to be replaced at some point, either through a modernization or as part of the Planned Life-cycle Asset Replacement Program in the capital budget. The Division of Maintenance is aware of the need to schedule the septic system replacement as part of the Capital Improvements Program as it approaches obsolescence.

The Division of Maintenance has not received any work orders for the school bathrooms other than routine repairs to fixtures. The school's bathrooms are scheduled for renovation as part the capital budget program to rehabilitate aging school bathrooms.

The Division of Maintenance will contact the school to evaluate the situation.