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Stuyvesant High Gets Fresh Air

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Board of Education officials yesterday adjusted the air vents at Stuyvesant High School to "let in fresh air" after students complained about chronic headaches and sore throats.

Officials also continued to test the air quality at the downtown Manhattan school to ascertain the cause of respiratory problems among students and teachers. All tests thus far have come up negative.

Board officials said Chancellor Harold Levy will talk to city officials to get the barges being loaded with debris from the World Trade Center site to be sprayed with more water so that dust from the debris doesn't come into the school.

Stuyvesant's 3,000 students returned to the multimillion-dollar structure last week after spending three weeks at Brooklyn Tech. Although many parents and students pressured board officials at first to hurry the return to Stuyvesant, parents and students have been concerned during the past two weeks that the return was premature.

Board officials have suggested that students might be getting headaches and sore throats because the shcool's air vents had been 90 percent closed — at the request of parents — to keep out bad air from the World Trade Center site. But officials yesterday adjusted the vents so that they were only 60 percent closed.

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