



# Heat becoming a problem for students at Maries R-I

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Heat is becoming a bit of a problem in the classrooms at Maries R-I. As of September 6, 2002, school had been called off early 6 times due to the heat. The classrooms in the high school, junior high and elementary are almost unbearable, reaching temperatures of 95 degrees in the morning.

Students are constantly going to get drinks and there has been an increase in the number of kids going to the nurse's office. Nurse Vikki Sandbothe said, "I

have an overabundance of kids and even teachers coming over. They're extremely overheated. They start coming over early in the morning. The kids complain of dizziness, nausea and headaches. This is not a good learning environment. The kids are too hot and lethargic to learn."

English teacher Katie Reenan, whose room is one of the hottest, had the following comments, "At Maries R-I, we appreciate the simple tools of life, like a good hand-held fan from Maries Manor. Students and teachers stick to their desks,

books and papers. There were students in Mrs. Rowden's room who had rested their arms on their open textbooks. When they brought their arms back up, the pages in their books tore."

Coach and teacher Mick Byrd said, "I appreciate the concern that the administration has for the students and staff. It is a little difficult to learn when the sweat is dripping off your nose and blurring your notes."

Principal Don Fields said that the administration is looking for a break in the heat to come this week.

