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2023-2024 School Year

Dear Parent:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We too have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

An inspection of our schools was completed in 1989 and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in our buildings. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tiles, pipe and boiler insulation, and some roofing materials. None of the asbestos containing materials are readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Our Asbestos Management Plan is currently being followed. It outlines in detail the methods we use to maintain the materials in a safe manner. It also includes a schedule for the phased removal of these materials were applicable.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file for your review at each school's administrative office. The plan contains copies of individual inspection reports and other pertinent information.

Sincerely,

Lucy Van Scyoc, Ed.D.
Superintendent

