

Operations Department

August 15, 2018

Annual Notification Letter – Asbestos Containing Building Materials

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Employee:

The Lower Merion School District is required by law to notify, at least once every year, occupants and parents of students in buildings that have asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). Most of the buildings in the School District are affected.

Inspections of all the School district's buildings were initially conducted in 1988 to locate and address the hazard potential of any ACBM. Currently existing asbestos containing material has been labeled and protected by wrapping or other covering. The School District's accredited inspector conducts inspections every six months to insure materials do not deteriorate and become a safety hazard to students and staff.

The amount of ACBM has been significantly reduced since the early 1990's through the District's building renovation program. Most of the remaining suspected ACBM is behind walls, underground or otherwise encased. The high schools do not have any asbestos containing materials.

In addition to inspections, each affected building has a management plan that describes the location and condition of all ACBM. A copy of each management plan is available for public inspection or review on site at the main office of each school.

The Lower Merion School District Asbestos Coordinator is Mr. Ken Pitts. Please contact my office (610-645-1980 or via e-mail at PittsK@lmsd.org) with any questions or for more information.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Pitts
Assistant Director of Operations

Operations Department

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Annual Notification – Security Cameras on School Buses

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The District has installed security cameras on all of our busses. These cameras have proven to be an effective tool for districts nationwide seeking to deter misconduct on buses and can provide critical information in situations when disciplinary action may be considered.

The Board of School Directors has approved an update to the District’s student transportation policy that establishes parameters for the implementation and use of security cameras and related audio/video recording on buses. To review the full Board Policy (Policy 810) along with administrative regulations regarding implementation and access, [click here](#).

Please note that security cameras will not ensure the elimination of safety concerns on school buses, but we are hopeful that they can serve as an important tool. We encourage you to regularly review school bus safety guidelines with your child. These guidelines are available on the transportation page of our website, by [clicking here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Pitts
Assistant Director of Operations

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Annual Notification Letter – Use of Video Cameras in Buildings for Security Purposes

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Employee:

In order to enhance the security of students, staff, visitors, and school district property, the District uses video surveillance devices. There are security cameras located at school building entrances, and at selected interior and exterior areas of schools and district support buildings. This is not a new program. The procedure for video monitoring of school entrances was first adopted by the School Board in 2002. Written notices as to the presence and possible activation of any video surveillance devices are posted in locations where video recording will take place. The video images recorded are exclusively within the control of the School District and are only used in connection with investigating misconduct, safeguarding district equipment, and assisting law enforcement. No audio recording is being used and all cameras are in plain view and located in public areas.

Thank you for your continued support in providing a safe learning environment for our children.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Pitts
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Annual Notification Letter – Integrated Pest Management Program

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Employee:

We provide this information to you in order to comply with the requirement of the Integrated Pest Control Management Act, Act 35 of 2002, and the Pesticide Notification Act, Act 36 of 2002 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The intent of these laws is to minimize use of pesticides on school property through the use of modern pest control methods.

The Lower Merion School District uses an Integrated Pest management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM Coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use control products to manage a pest problem. Control products will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When control products are used, the school district will use the least toxic products possible. Applications will not be made when students and staff have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to a non-emergency application and for two days following the application.

Enclosed is a schedule of pest control inspections. Please retain this information for your reference. If you desire a list of pest control products that may be used and their EPA registration numbers, please submit your request in writing or via email to the Operations Department.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school will be notified of any specific treatment applications made on the school grounds, including athletic fields and recreational areas.

If a control product application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be given. Exceptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance products.

If you have any questions, please contact our IPM Coordinator at the Operations Department by telephoning 610-645-1980.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Pitts
Assistant Director of Operations