

AHERA NOTIFICATION:

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act: In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. Suspected asbestos containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

Reinspections: Every 3 years, Peninsula School District conducts a reinspection of each site to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last reinspection, during the fall of 2018, all materials listed in the management plan as asbestos-containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected.

The law further required an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Peninsula School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition. Each school has an AHERA binder in the main office.

The following schools contain no asbestos-containing building materials; therefore, no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required: Henderson Bay High School, Harbor Ridge Middle School, Goodman Middle School, Harbor Heights Elementary, Vaughn Elementary and Voyager Elementary and the building purchased to house our new elementary at 8502 Skansie Avenue.

It is the intention of the Peninsula School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in school District Maintenance Office or Administrative Office of the school during regular business hours. All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to Maintenance and Operations Department at 253-530-3811.

(AHERA information adapted from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)