2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR - HEALTH & SAFETY NOTIFICATIONS
For
Parents, Teachers and Staff of WBL Area Public Schools

AHERA ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN NOTIFICATION

The EPA-Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires completion of an Asbestos Management Plan for each school. This Asbestos Management Plan has been compiled for each of our buildings by Applied Environmental Sciences, Inc. (now Atlas Technical Consultants, 5301 East River Road, Fridley, MN 55421). This plan is on file in the Custodial Offices and in the office of the Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator for the White Bear Lake Area Public Schools at the District Center, 4855 Bloom Avenue, Room 309, White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

As part of this Asbestos Management Plan we contract with Atlas to perform a required AHERA 3-Year Re-Inspection and the AHERA 6-Month Asbestos Surveillance at each of our sites. Copies of the surveillance and re-inspection reports are also located in each Custodial Office and in the office of the Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator for the White Bear Lake Area Public Schools at the District Center.

The Designated Contact Person for this plan is:
Dan Roeser
Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator
WBL Area Public Schools
651-407-7633

Any questions regarding this plan should be directed to Dan Roeser.

NOTICE CONCERNING USE OF PEST CONTROL MATERIALS

A Minnesota state law, M.S. 123B.575 Parents Right to Know Act of 2000, requires schools to inform parents/guardians and employees if they apply certain pesticides on school property. This general notice is to be provided to parents/guardians and employees by September 15 of each school year.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents/guardians and employees for review or copying at each Custodial Office. In addition to providing the schedule in Custodial Offices, it is also posted on the district website.

State law also requires that parents/guardians and employees be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

White Bear Lake Area Public Schools utilizes a licensed, professional pest control firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the district's buildings. The program includes:

- Inspection and monitoring to determine whether pests are present, and whether any treatment is needed.

- Recommendations for maintenance and sanitation to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials.
- Utilization of non-chemical measures such as traps, caulking, and screening.
- Application of EPA-registered pest control materials as needed.

If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide ***applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule*** (excluding emergency applications), please submit a written request to Dan Roeser, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, District Office, 4855 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110. The request must contain the following information:

1. Name of parent/guardian
2. Address
3. School Building
4. Method of notification (US mail or E-mail)
5. Day phone and Evening phone

INDOOR AIR QUALITY NOTIFICATION

The White Bear Lake Area School District has developed and implemented an Indoor Air Quality Management Program to monitor and improve air quality in all district buildings. The district program is based on school guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Education and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The district Environmental Health & Safety Coordinator works with school administrators and custodians to implement preventive maintenance strategies and communicate with parents and building occupants about indoor air quality issues.

Indoor air quality concerns and questions should be directed to:
Dan Roeser
Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator
WBL Area Public Schools
651-407-7633

TESTING LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

Under MN Statutes, 121A.335 Lead in School Drinking Water, school districts and charter schools are required to test for the presence of lead in water. The White Bear Lake Area School District has adopted the model plan developed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for testing lead in drinking water. The plan includes a testing schedule for all buildings serving prekindergarten students and students in kindergarten through grade 12. Each drinking water tap or water source used in food preparation is to be tested at minimum once every five years. Test results are to be available to the public for review, and parents are to be notified of the availability of the information.

If a test reveals a lead level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) or higher, the district immediately removes the fixture from service until the hazard has been remediated. Dan Roeser, district Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, oversees implementation and maintenance of the district's Lead in Drinking Water Program and model plan. Mr. Roeser may be contacted at 651-407-7633 for questions, report results and up-to-date information regarding sampling efforts. Additional information is available from the guide, "Reducing Lead in Drinking Water". See: www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/docs/pbschoolguide.pdf