

NOTICE TO PARENTS / GUARDIAN REGARDING ASBESTOS / AHERA

As required by federal law, 40 CFR Part 763.84 (c), we are required to inform you of asbestos inspections of all facilities operated by Monongalia County Schools. A comprehensive county wide survey was completed during the 1988-89 school year. Three (3) year re-inspections have been conducted at all sites since the initial survey on a regular routine rotation. Additionally, six month periodic surveillance evaluations were completed for each site during the fall and spring each year.

These inspections were conducted in accordance with the Federal ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA) RULE. The purpose of these inspections were to locate, sample, test, evaluate, and report all Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) or Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) to the general public, County Board of Education, employees and West Virginia Department of Health.

The inspection of your facility has been completed and a copy of all findings of the "site specific" original inspection, and related re-inspections, are housed in each school and are available for your examination. All positive ACBM's or ACM's are identified and mapped to show where each is located within the building. Your facility does contain asbestos materials. Steps have been taken to correct all situations with Asbestos and to post warning signs within designated areas when necessary.

EPA prohibits the use of Asbestos materials in new construction, additions, or renovations after 1988. If your facility had an addition/renovations after 1988, as certified by the Architect, General Contractor, and all Sub Contractors, your new addition/renovation does not contain asbestos materials; therefore, asbestos does not present a health hazard in these areas. If your existing facility was determined to have ACBM's or ACM's, EPA requires them to be removed from those areas to be renovated, only if the material is to be disturbed. Only the new addition or the renovated area where ACBM's or ACM's have been removed can be considered asbestos free. The remainder of your existing facility, unless all asbestos containing materials have been removed, will still contain asbestos. Please review your facilities Asbestos Management Plan for further information.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your local school principal or Chris Gillespie at 304-291-9310, and we will attempt to answer your questions.

NOTICE TO PARENTS / GUARDIAN REGARDING OUR INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The state of West Virginia, through the Integrated Pest Management Program, requires all public schools to comply with Title 61, Series 12-J rules of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture as it relates to pest control practices. Our program is administered by a professionally licensed contractor and requires that parents be notified when any Level 3 or Level 4 pesticides are to be used in spray

treatments of facilities for pest control. Routine visits, which include the placement of monitor boards, the use of baits (Level 2), or the emergency treatment of stinging or biting pests and rodents, do not require notification. Please feel free to contact Chris Gillespie at 304-291-9310 with any questions regarding this program. If you wish to receive notice for application of pesticides, please complete the attached Request for Notification and return it to the school.

NOTICE TO PARENTS / GUARDIAN REGARDING OUR EMERGENCY OPERATING / CRISIS RESPONSE PLAN

In accordance with West Virginia state law and in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Education, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of Emergency Management, the Monongalia County Board of Education hereby provides notification that Monongalia County schools operates with a comprehensive Emergency Operations and Crisis Response Plan. A redacted version of this plan is available for public review in the Superintendent's Office located at 1751 Earl L. Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26505. Questions regarding our program may be directed to Adam Henkins, Director of Safe and Supportive Schools at 304-291-9210 extension 1516.

NOTICE TO PARENTS / GUARDIAN REGARDING EMERGENCY DRILLS IN SCHOOLS

Monongalia County Schools in conjunction with MECCA 911, local, county, and state law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies will conduct periodic emergency readiness drills in our schools. These drills are often realistic and may or may not come with prior warning for your student. West Virginia State Law requires that each school conduct 10 fire drills each year with two of these being conducted within the first 30 days of instruction. We are required to conduct one Lock Down drill within the first month of school each fall.

It is not uncommon for one or more of our schools to declare or enter into some level of secured Lock Down during the school year. This is often in response to a community issue of unrest such as a robbery or other crime in the area of a school. We will always exercise extreme pre-caution when these issues are brought to our attention.

Drills conducted in the school are designed to be safe but to also teach and prepare staff and our students the techniques and behavior necessary and recommended to successfully survive an actual emergency incident. Questions regarding these drills can be directed to Adam Henkins, Director of Safe and Supportive Schools at 304-291-9210 extension 1516.

REMEMBER- SCHOOL IS NO PLACE FOR GUNS, KNIVES OR WEAPONS OF ANY KIND. WE DO NOT PERMIT SMOKING, TOBACCO, VAPOR PRODUCTS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY - PLEASE REPORT OFFENDERS.