



**Scranton School District
Northeast Scranton
Intermediate School**

**Frequently Asked Questions
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Why are the students not in the NESIS building?

The NESIS currently has a variety of building materials that contain asbestos. These materials exceed the EPA definition of "Asbestos Containing Material" (ACM) because they exceed 1%. There are also areas, in the 1906 wing of the building that are very close to this limit. A licensed inspector has assessed all of these materials and identified 19 areas that have asbestos and are significantly damaged and in need of immediate repair or stabilization. The abatement contractor has indicated that 80% of these areas can be addressed in about 2 weeks. The remaining areas will require more extensive repair and may be isolated. Additionally, Cocciardi has questions about ventilation systems. Some areas within the ducts of some systems contain ACM. These systems are being evaluated and should be assessed within this same two week period.

When can the students pick-up their personal belongings (e.g. backpacks, notebooks, coats, etc.)?

Due to the unknown presence of asbestos fibers within dust, samples are currently being collected of various surfaces. Based on these results, we will make a recommendation to the District as to the process for retrieval. US EPA has provided guidance on some similar situations, which will be followed. Results should be available by Friday, February 28th at which time the information will be communicated.

Are the other schools that students were relocated to less dangerous than Northeast Intermediate?

We are currently reviewing NESIS due to the displacement of students. Cocciardi is however conducting surveillance inspections at the other schools along with District personnel. As these inspections occur, any remediation actions required or previously recommended but not acted upon, will be addressed by the Administration. It is expected that these inspections for all 13 schools known to have ACM will be completed by March 2nd.