



RUHS, RTCC, Brookfield Elementary, and Braintree Elementary: 2020-2021 School Year

TO: Parents, Teachers and all School Employees:

RE: Notification Letter Concerning Asbestos Content & Management Plan.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. (AH ERA).

That law requires all schools, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected and to identify asbestos containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a management plan based upon the findings of the Inspection, which outlines the District's intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We, too, have buildings that contain asbestos material.

The primary concerns arise when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged. Randolph Union High School, Randolph Technical Career Center, Brookfield Elementary and Braintree Elementary Schools have all been inspected and some asbestos containing materials were identified.

The materials are distributed in various locations, including some floor tiles, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

In addition, as required by law, appropriate school staff members have been trained to administer our Asbestos Abatement program.

It is the intention of the Orange Southwest 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 by contacting our designated asbestos program coordinator.

All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to: Bob Worley Tel.#: 802-728-2879 or E-mail rworley@orangesouthwest.org