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To Parent, Teacher & Employee Organizations:

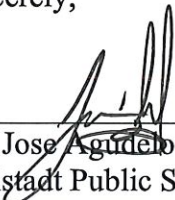
In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Most buildings constructed before the early 1980's contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. However, if damaged, asbestos fibers can be released into the air causing potential health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to follow a careful process of identifying, monitoring and maintaining known or assumed asbestos containing building materials to prevent hazardous conditions. Each educational facility shall reassess all known or assumed asbestos containing materials at least every six months (periodic surveillance) and re-inspect those facilities every three years. The law further requires an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) to be in place. Do to the construction date of the building; the Carlstadt Public School does not have an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) in place.

Since initial construction of our school occurred in 2006, Carlstadt Public School has no known suspect asbestos containing building materials within the building. We have contracted with Garden State Environmental, Inc. (GSE) to act as our AHERA Asbestos Consultant to ensure that all required safety procedures are followed and properly documented. The School is in full compliance with these requirements. The most recent six-month inspection was performed in January 2023. Inspections are conducted every 6-months, with the next one scheduled for July, 2023. Following each inspection, all findings are documented and reported to the School by an AHERA accredited Asbestos Building Inspector from GSE.

It is the intention of the School to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees enjoy a healthy and safe environment.

Sincerely,



Mr. Jose Agudelo
Carlstadt Public School Representative