



August 1, 2023

Dear Employee or Guardian,

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based on the findings of the inspection which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

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 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We too have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

The inspection of our schools is complete and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in our buildings. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tiles, pipe insulations and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Our Management Plan is in place and has been submitted to the Governor's office. It outlines in detail the methods we use to maintain the materials in a safe manner.

All asbestos-containing material is inspected every six months by the Designated Person (DP). The Director of Facilities fulfills this requirement and is required to ensure the material is being maintained in a safe manner.

During the summer of 1989, the School District conducted an initial cleaning. The cleaning consisted of repairing and cleaning of all asbestos-containing material and areas so that the release of asbestos fibers can be controlled.

During the summer of 2010, the School District passed a major construction bond that enabled the removal of a majority of the accessible asbestos-containing material. What remains is documented and located in areas of the buildings not easily accessible or open to untrained personnel.

During the summer of 2020, renovations at Earl Lawson included the removal of all pipe insulation that contained asbestos, this site has had all ACM removed.

A copy of the Management Plan and the O&M Training Plan is on file for your review at the Board of Education office located at 200 N 4<sup>th</sup>. Copies of individual building inspection reports are on file at the District Service Center 401 S. Third St.

Sincerely,

Matt Dedeke  
Director of Facilities