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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Per the local, state and federal guidelines, we are sending you this letter to communicate the adherence to the regulations set forth to us by such agencies that govern the inspection and communication of asbestos in any school district facilities.

Asbestos is an issue everyone has been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by congress to identify, determine the extent of, and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used in many products, including, but not limited to building materials. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily outside of the United States. In the past, the properties of asbestos made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous other uses. There have been tens of thousands of different products made using Asbestos Containing Materials (referred to as ACM's). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began action to limit uses of ACM's in 1973 and most uses of ACM's as building materials were banned in 1978.

Over the past many years we have had all district facilities routinely inspected by EPA certified professional inspectors, per AHERA. In past years, the inspectors have located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of all materials in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos. The inspection & laboratory analysis records continue to allow us to update our Asbestos Management Plan by a certified Management Planner. Over the past many years, we have had a great majority of ACM's removed across all district buildings and we continue to address additional items as they are identified.

The Asbestos Management Plan for our facilities includes, but is not limited to:

- This notification letter;
- the inspection assessment reports;
- education & training of our staff;
- a set of plans & procedures designed to minimize the potential disturbance of known ACM's;
- and plans for regular surveillance inspections of any known ACM's and potential ACM's

A copy of the District's Asbestos Management Plan is available for your review/inspection in our District Administration Office during normal business hours. Matt Johnson, Director of Buildings & Grounds, is our Asbestos Program Coordinator and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to his attention.

The district has an excellent Asbestos Management Plan that was started years ago, and has continued to be revised and improved, as needed. Equally we have a great trained staff that is part of this plan as well as help from outside certified professionals trained specifically for these inspection activities. We continue to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that your children, our staff, and visiting community, have the safest environment in which to learn, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Steve Kirkpatrick
Superintendent