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**AHERA ANNUAL NOTICE
MERRILLVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

This information is being published to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 763, Subpart E, Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools. This regulation, commonly known as the "AHERA" rule, requires local education agencies, such as this one, to perform certain tasks in regards to the presence and control of asbestos containing materials in the buildings under the jurisdiction of the local education agency.

These include but are not limited to:

1. Developing an asbestos management plan which is designed to outline procedures and guidelines for the initial inspection, triennial re-inspections, and 6-month periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing materials that are present in the buildings.
2. Provide awareness training and additional training to selected school employees.
3. Periodically notify all workers and occupants, or their local guardians, parent teacher organizations, and collective bargaining organizations of the availability of asbestos management plans, the location of same and the times that the plans may be reviewed.

This notification is to advise all patrons, occupants, or their legal guardians, collective bargaining organizations, and parent-teacher organizations, that the asbestos management plans required under this act are available for review upon request. The plans can be viewed by any person during normal business hours of the particular school. Interested parties wishing to inquire about the plans should contact the individual school office. Master copies of the plans for all buildings under the jurisdiction of this local education agency are available in the Maintenance Department, which is located at 6651 Delaware Street, Merrillville, IN 46410; telephone number (219) 650-5309. Inquiries regarding any facet of the regulation or the management plans should be directed to the Director of Maintenance at the above telephone number during regular business hours.

Inspections:

- * The next required triennial inspection will be performed in 2026.
- * The required six month periodic surveillance activities are scheduled for May and September each year.

Planned Response Actions:

- * John Wood Elementary School – Removal of nonfriable flooring adhesive in the south corridor. This will be performed during summer recess.
- * Iddings Elementary School – Removal of nonfriable floor tiles and adhesive from the Kitchen. This will be performed during summer recess.
- * Merrillville High School – Removal of nonfriable floor adhesive from select rooms in Unit V.

Post-Response Actions:

- * Previous building renovations were performed in accordance with AHERA.
- * Prior to any work, the proposed work areas were inspected by Indiana licensed asbestos inspectors.

- * If asbestos was found to be present, an asbestos project design was prepared by an Indiana licensed asbestos project designer, for abatement of the asbestos materials.
- * Removal of the asbestos materials was performed using Indiana licensed asbestos abatement company and licensed workers.
- * Air monitoring was performed continuously during the abatement work.
- * Upon completion of the abatement work clearance air samples were collected and analyzed for asbestos fiber concentration, to ensure the area was safe to reoccupy.