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Annual Asbestos Notification
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It is our intent, and a requirement of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations governing asbestos in schools, to inform you through this annual notification about asbestos and how Cecil County Public School System works to address it.

What is asbestos?

Asbestos has been used in building materials as far back as Roman times and became particularly popular in the United States during the early/mid twentieth century for its insulating and fire retardant properties. Three common applications have been used as thermal system insulation (on boilers and hot water pipes), as surfacing materials (for fireproofing and sound proofing), and as miscellaneous materials (such as floor tiles and ceiling tiles). Asbestos fibers only become dangerous when they are inhaled; therefore, asbestos-containing building materials must be kept in good repair to keep fibers from being released into the air.

What is the school system doing about asbestos in our schools?

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required that schools be inspected for asbestos and that management plans be developed and implemented by July 1989. All buildings in the Cecil County Public School system were inspected during the summer of 1988 and re-inspected in December 1988 by employees of Briggs Associates. Some asbestos-containing building materials were found in all Cecil County schools constructed before 1988. As required by AHERA, re-inspections are conducted every six months. An in-depth, three-year re-inspection is conducted at each school as required by AHERA. Each school's inspection results and plan are available in the school office.

Custodians and maintenance personnel have received extensive training in order to make certain that asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition until their eventual removal from the building. Supervisors in the Facilities Department receive annual instruction and testing to keep up with the latest in asbestos regulations, research, and maintenance.

If you would like to examine the school's management plan, want further information, or have any questions, please call the building principal. Additional information is available by contacting Mr. Andrew Curran, CCPS Associate Director of Facilities, at 410-287-4653. It is our hope that this information informs and assures you that the Cecil County Public School System will continue to monitor and, when necessary, remove the asbestos-containing materials that have been found in our facilities to make each building safer for all who enter.

Annual Notification of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Cecil County Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program in accordance with Maryland State Law for the interior and exterior of all schools. These techniques focus on correcting conditions that encourage pests by reducing their access to food, water, and harborage. In the event that pesticide applications are necessary, products we use are listed below. All elementary students and staff shall receive notification prior to each pesticide use except for bait stations. At the beginning of each school year, every middle and high school staff develop a pesticide notification list composed of every staff member, student, parent or guardian who has requested in writing to be notified prior to any pesticide use except for bait stations. The middle and high schools shall: (a) keep the pesticide notification list current; and (b) add names upon written request by student, parent, guardian or staff member. In the event of an emergency application, notification will be made the next school day after the application.

For more information about IPM, Ms. Sharon Thompson, Assistant in Facilities, 900 North East Road, North East, MD, 21901 or call 410-287-4653. The product labels or safety data sheets (SDS) of each pesticide or bait station are maintained Ms. Thompson, and on school grounds. These sheets are available for review by parents, guardians, students, or staff at the school. Any person wishing to be placed on the pesticide notification list should make this request in writing to the local school. Should pesticides be used in schools or on school grounds those persons on the notification list will be contacted 24 hours in advance.

IPM Products Used
D-Trans Allethrin, Deltamethrin, Bendiocarb, Fipronil, Hydramethylnon, Abamectin, Pyrethins, Boric Acid, Orthoboric Acid, Difethialone and/or new product introduction.

Sincerely,

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