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PLEASE POST

Per: Donald R Schels

Date: 7/27/26

MEMORANDUM

TO: Staff, Parents, Visitors, and all Workers
FROM: Dr. Donald R. Schels, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Asbestos Management Plan Notice

Date of Compliance: September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027

In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection (EPA), Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH), Regional School District 12 is required to inspect our school buildings for asbestos every three years and develop a management plan to responsibly control what material may remain in the school buildings.

A plan has been prepared for each school building and a copy is available at each of the school's main offices as well as the District Central office. Persons wishing to review this document may do so during regular school hours.

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Regional School District 12 conducts a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Regional School District 12 developed a plan for each school, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan also requires that periodic surveillance be performed every six months to document the condition of these materials to assure that they remain in good condition. If any signs of decay or damage are detected they are managed by Regional School District 12 immediately in accordance with recommendations provided by a State of Connecticut licensed asbestos management planner.

It is the intention of Regional School District 12 to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. The District's Facility Director is our AHERA designated person, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos management plans and asbestos-related issues should be directed to the District's Facility Department at (860) 868-6100.

The federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to ensure that all school employees and building occupants, or their legal guardians, are informed at least once each school year about all asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including triennial inspections and visual surveillance activities that are either planned or in progress. This notification must be made in writing and a copy maintained in the school's asbestos management plan.

For more information on the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, please go to http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/asbestos_in_schools.html or contact the Office of Facilities Planning at emscfp@nysed.gov or 518-474-3906.