Andover Regional School District

AHERA Compliance Notification
2026-2027 School Year

Dear Parents, Teachers, Employees, Building Occupants of the Andover Regional School District,

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retention properties. Virtually any building constructed before the late 70's contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials however can become hazardous when due to damage or deterioration over time they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled they can lead to health problems like cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986 Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos containing materials were located, sampled, or assumed, and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

Every three years the Andover Regional Board of Education has conducted a full re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the confirmed or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the confirmed or assumed ACBM. At the last re-inspection all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos or assumed to be asbestos containing materials were inspected and appropriate response actions recommended by an accredited inspection firm. Every six months a visual surveillance is conducted to assess the conditions of ACBM in each of the district's facilities. The surveillance report is added to each facility management plan as part of the permanent record.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. The Andover Regional School District has developed a plan as required which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on the management plan and availability and the status of asbestos activities, educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it, notify short term or temporary workers on the locations of the ACBM, post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed, follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of ACBM,and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

Our custodial/maintenance staff have attended asbestos awareness training and have been instructed on the importance of periodically surveying the asbestos material during their normal day to day activities.

During the past year no ACBM were removed, encapsulated, or enclosed in any District facilities. There are no abatement plans for this year and anything unscheduled or future planned will be stated in the next letter.

It is the intention of the Andover Regional School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students, employees, and building occupants a healthy and safe environment in which to learn or work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in the administrative office of each facility and in the district's board of education office during regular business hours.

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