Asbestos Notification

To: Parents and Employees of Winchester Public Schools

From: Ed Smith; Director of Operations

RE: Asbestos Identification and Notification (AHERA, PL 909-519; 40 CFR Part 763.85)

LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

This memo is to provide notification and identification of the presence of asbestos in one of Winchester Public schools.

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, Public Law 99-519). The law required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop regulations which provide a comprehensive framework for addressing asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. On October 30, 1987, the EPA published the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule (40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E). This rule took effect on December 14, 1987, requiring all public and private elementary and secondary schools to inspect for friable and nonfriable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings, and implement response actions in a timely fashion.

Garland Quarles Elementary School is the only remaining building with Asbestos containing materials still present. During the academic school year 2026/2027, the school will have their Tri-Annual Re-inspection as instructed by AHERA guidelines.

The Winchester Public Schools asbestos management plan is available at the Operations office.