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RE: Notification for AHERA Compliance Program

Dear Parents/Guardians, Teachers and Staff:

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we are required to notify parents, teachers, and staff each year of the response actions we are taking to maintain the asbestos containing materials in our schools.

Asbestos, derived from a Greek word meaning indestructible, is a generic term for a group of minerals which share fiber forming qualities. Asbestos materials 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. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk.

We have employed an Environmental Consultant, Karl & Associates, Inc. who is providing AHERA services which include inspections/re-inspections of this asbestos material. Mr. Karl is an accredited EPA Inspector, Management Planner and Designer of Asbestos Abatement Actions.

K & A is also licensed in the State of New Jersey for removal and transporting asbestos hazardous waste. Upon inspection of the asbestos material, Mr. Karl has reviewed our Management Plan to ensure that asbestos containing materials are kept in good condition.

Semi-annual inspections are conducted. In June of 2006, both of our schools went through an Asbestos Abatement project which removed most of the remaining asbestos in each building. The next semi-annual inspection is planned for February 2016.

Our custodians have had an awareness training course and have been instructed on the importance of periodically surveying and maintaining the asbestos material during their normal day to day activities.

If you wish to review the District's Management Plan, a copy is located in the Board of Education Office.

Educationally yours,

Virginia M. Grossman
Superintendent

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