

September 1, 2015

Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school, a three year re-inspection of buildings and a six month surveillance to check the condition of all asbestos containing materials.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We too have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

The inspection of our schools is complete and some asbestos-containing materials were identified in our buildings. The materials were distributed in various locations and include floor tiles, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

In the case of Hillendale Elementary, this includes asbestos gaskets between the cast iron sections of two boilers. During the summer of 1991, all exposed residual material was removed, encapsulated and reinsulated. We have completed our most recent inspection during the summer of 2015 and are in full compliance.

In the case of the Middle School, a number of abatement projects have been completed over the past 10 years and all friable materials have been removed. Remaining non-friable materials include transite insulation material in lavatories, and floor tile. We have completed our most recent inspection during the summer of 2015 and are in full compliance.

We have no known asbestos containing material at the High School, Unionville Elementary, Chadds Ford Elementary and Pocopson Elementary.

Our Management Plan has been drafted, completed, and accepted by the governor's office. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the materials in a safe manner.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file for your review at the school and administrative office at 740 Unionville Road, Kennett Square, PA. Copies of individual building inspection reports are on file in each school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

Rick Hostetler
Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds