To: All Principals

From: Alex L. Szachnowicz, P.E.
Chief Operating Officer

Subject: Asbestos Notifications

Date: June 1, 2019

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Anne Arundel County Public Schools is required to publish the following annual notification. Please ensure that this information is disseminated to your staff and parents as part of your back-to-school information.

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted AHERA. Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to manage asbestos containing materials in public schools. These regulations mandate that school systems identify friable and non-friable asbestos, develop a management plan, and implement necessary response actions. The program for meeting these responsibilities is outlined in the management plan.

All personnel working in an Anne Arundel County Public Schools facility are instructed to: (1) review the management plan prior to performing any work, and (2) not disturb asbestos containing materials. Only accredited, licensed asbestos professionals can perform asbestos-related activities.

The management plan contains information from previous inspections, response actions, post-response action activities, and surveillance actions planned or in progress. This plan is located in the main office of each facility.

For buildings completed after October 12, 1988, our management plan consists of the exclusion documentation including this notification. This documentation indicates that to our knowledge, no asbestos-containing building materials were used or specified in the construction of these buildings. These schools are as follows: Annapolis Elementary, Arnold Elementary, Belle Grove Elementary, Benfield Elementary, Brooklyn Park Middle, Carrie Weedon Early Education Center, Crofton Elementary, Crofton Meadows Elementary, Davidsonville Elementary, Deale Elementary, Ferndale Early Education Center, Folger McKinsey Elementary, Freetown Elementary, Fort Smallwood Elementary, Germantown Elementary, Glendale Elementary, Hebron-Harman Elementary, High Point Elementary, Jacobsville Elementary, Jessup Elementary, Lake Shore Elementary, Lothian Elementary, Manor View Elementary, Marley Elementary, Marley Middle, Mayo Elementary, Meade Heights Elementary, Meade Middle, Mills-Parole Elementary, Nantucket Elementary, Northeast High, Overlook Elementary, Park Elementary, Pasadena Elementary, Pershing Hill Elementary, Phoenix Academy, Piney Orchard Elementary, Point Pleasant Elementary, Ridgeway Elementary, Rolling Knolls Elementary, Ruth Parker Eason Special, Seven Oaks Elementary, Severna Park High, Severna Park Middle, Shipley's Choice Elementary, Solley Elementary, Southgate Elementary, South Shore Elementary, Southern Middle, Tracey's Elementary, West Annapolis Elementary and Windsor Farm Elementary Schools.

The AHERA regulation requires notification of the availability of each management plan to Parent Teacher Associations' presidents, labor/collective bargaining unit organization presidents, and the general public. The notification was also published in the Capital Gazette and Baltimore Sun newspapers.

School specific management plans are available in each school's administrative office for review. All school plans are available for review in the Facilities Division, located at 9034 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122-3223. Five (5) working days notification is required to access these plans.

Questions about AHERA or your management plan should be addressed to Mr. C. Thomas Leary, Asbestos Program Manager, at 443-770-5913.
On October 22, 1986, the United States Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The final rule, published October 30, 1987, requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to address various asbestos issues including inspections, development of management plans, notifications, training, operations and maintenance activities, response action, post-response action activities, re-inspections and periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

The Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program has been structured to fulfill the AHERA requirements. A management plan developed for each facility outlines our program and AHERA compliance activities. All personnel who work in an Anne Arundel County Public Schools facility are instructed to: (1) review the management plan prior to performing work, and (2) not disturb asbestos containing materials. Accredited, licensed asbestos abatement professionals will perform all asbestos-related abatement activities.

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If you have any questions regarding the Anne Arundel County Public Schools' asbestos management program, please contact Mr. C. Thomas Leary, Asbestos Program Manager, at 443-770-5913, by email cleary@aacps.org, or by mail at the above address.

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