



AHERA Yearly Notification

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Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970'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, such as 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 building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. The federal law also requires us to perform surveillances of asbestos materials every six (6) months; to re-inspect every school on a 3-year basis to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed; and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

In Compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the Lansing School District performed school building inspections for asbestos-containing building materials and a 3-year re-inspection was conducted in July 2013. Asbestos inspectors performed these surveillances and an accredited management planner reviewed the results and recommended actions that should be taken to safely manage each asbestos material in schools and buildings.

No significant changes in the asbestos materials condition were noted during the 2013 re-inspection of schools and other buildings. All asbestos materials are in satisfactory condition and the district will continue to manage such materials in place, as recommended by the accredited management planner.

This notification letter, education and training of our employees, a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the ACM, and plans for regular surveillance of the ACM are a part of Lansing School District's efforts to meet government regulations (AHERA).

A copy of these plans is available at each school and at the district Physical Plant office during regular office hours.

All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed either to Physical Plant Office at 755-3800.