



NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Principals, Faculty and Parents

Reference: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law an amendment to the Toxic Substance Control Act requiring schools to determine the presence of asbestos containing building materials in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) required that all school buildings be visually inspected by accredited inspectors and that bulk samples of suspected materials are taken where the material was not assumed to be asbestos. It further required that management plans be created for each individual building and that maintenance and custodial personnel receive training. The plan must be implemented and the training must be completed by July 9, 1989. The document is the Asbestos Management Plan which provides the means and the methods to effectively deal with asbestos containing building materials.

All phases of asbestos inspection and management planning are reported in this plan including: response action strategy, priorities, scheduling of abatement activities coordination of personal and evaluation of results. The plan has an additional function as a reporting document to that State. At the local level, the plan must be made available for general review by school district.

The AHERA management plan for each school building is complete. It can be found in the Main office of each building.

All asbestos containing materials are kept in good condition and the school department has taken all necessary actions to insure the safety of all building occupants.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding this memo.

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