




MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents
Principals
Staff
Presidents of Parent-Teacher Associations
Chairpersons of Advisory Councils
Leaders of School Employee Organizations

FROM: Del Burns 

DATE: June 4, 2008

RE: **Annual Notification – Asbestos Management Plan**

Each year we must notify in writing parents, school staff, advisory councils, parent-teacher, and school employee organizations that all school buildings in our system have been inspected for friable and non-friable asbestos-containing building materials. In accordance with the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1988 (AHERA), the first survey of our buildings was completed in 1989. Management plans were written for each school which identifies the location(s) of asbestos-containing building materials, if any, and the steps that the school system plans to take to assure that no health risks develop because of the presence of these materials. Each school has a copy of its management plan. That plan is available for your review upon request to the school principal. Management plans are updated each time work is done or when it is necessary to disturb asbestos-containing building materials.

Every six months the condition of all asbestos-containing building materials is reassessed by visual inspection, and at least once every three years an accredited AHERA inspector re-inspects all asbestos-containing building materials in all buildings where it has been identified. A reinspection of all our school buildings was completed in 2007. Our next three-year re-inspection is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2010. The purpose of these inspections is to record the physical condition of the materials and to allow reasonable response to any changes in their condition. Copies of all inspection reports are provided to the schools for inclusion in the management plan manuals. Proper inspections and strict adherence to the approved management plans will assure that all asbestos-containing building materials are maintained properly and that building environments are safe for occupants at all times.

Questions regarding the AHERA program in the Wake County Public School System should be addressed to Sneha Amin, Director of Environmental Health and Safety and AHERA Designee, 1551 Rock Quarry Road, Maintenance and Operations Building, Raleigh, NC 27610; Office (919) 856-8284, Voice Mail (919) 856-3720.

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