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Nancy Follansbee, Superintendent

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Annual Notification Update Letter

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Dear EPS Students, Families, and Staff:

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 (ACBMs) in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), requires that the Easthampton Public Schools, acting as the Local Education Agency (LEA), ensure all school buildings are visually inspected by accredited asbestos inspectors. Starting in 1989, we were obligated to implement requirements of the AHERA regulation. Regulatory documentation is required to be maintained in each school's Asbestos Management Plan and each school district is required to assign a Designated Person to ensure that the requirements of the AHERA regulations are properly implemented.

The results of the asbestos inspections are reported in the Management Plan, which is updated every three years, including: response action, 6-month periodic surveillance, training, and evaluation of resources documents. We are required to make the Plan available for general review. We continue to update and improve the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan for each school on an ongoing basis. A copy of each school's current Three-Year Re-Inspection Report (designated as the current asbestos management plan) is available for on-site review at each school's main office during normal school hours. The AHERA documentation is also maintained by our district's Designated Person, EPS Director of Maintenance Eric Lebeau.

Any inquiries regarding the management of asbestos-containing building materials within the Easthampton Public schools should be directed to Mr. Lebeau who can be reached at (413) 529-1585 or emailed at elebeau@epsd.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nancy Follansbee'.

Nancy Follansbee
Superintendent