Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 2019 Notification

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each year, district workers and building occupants receive notification about asbestos activities such as response actions and inspections. The purpose of this correspondence is to meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos related activities that have been conducted in Ferndale Public Schools during the past year.

**Management Plans**

In 1988, Ferndale Public Schools contracted with an environmental firm to conduct inspections for asbestos containing material (ACM) within all district owned buildings. This information was then compiled into Asbestos Management Plans. These Management Plans are located in the administrative office of each building and are available for review. A copy of each building management plan is also located in the Harding Administration Building.

**Surveillance Activities**

The AHERA regulation requires surveillance of the condition of ACM every six months and Reinspections every three years. The next periodic surveillance will be conducted in January, 2020. Since the last Reinspection was conducted in 2017, the next Three-Year Reinspection will be conducted in November, 2020. Both of these surveillance activities will be included as part of the building’s Management Plans.

**Asbestos Abatement**

Ferndale Public Schools has conducted minor asbestos abatement within its facilities in the last year. Over the past year, asbestos has been removed in Ferndale High School and Lower Elementary School. The materials removed included, but were not limited to, floor tile, gluepods and pipe/pipe fitting insulation.

When asbestos is disturbed in our District, it is performed by Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractors and managed by Nova Environmental, Inc., the districts environmental consulting firm.

All documentation regarding previous asbestos abatement projects, including air testing results, is available for review in each building file and at the Administrative Offices located inside the high school.

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