

AHERA NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents, Students, Employees, Visitors:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This required schools to be inspected to identify asbestos containing building materials (ACBMs) inside the buildings. All Dallastown Area School District (DASD) buildings were inspected, and suspect materials were sampled and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, DASD schools are required to be re-inspected to determine if the condition of the known or suspected ACBMs has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBMs.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan be developed to monitor any known or suspected ACBM. The plan has several ongoing requirements: this notification letter announcing the availability of the management plans for anyone to review upon request, training of the support staff about asbestos and how to deal with it, notifying short term workers such as sub-contractors of the locations of any known or suspected ACBM and posting of warning signs adjacent to locations of known or suspected ACBM. The designated asbestos coordinator conducts a visual inspection every six months of areas of the buildings where known or suspected ACBMs are located to assure they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of DASD to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos, and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan upon request; I can be reached at the phone number listed below.

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