

Woodcliff Lake Public Schools

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Dear Parents, Teachers, and Staff Members:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 70's contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

The Woodcliff Lake School District has a NJ State Department of Health approved Asbestos Management Plan for all school facilities on file at each school and in the Board of Education Office. The provisions of the plan are being implemented in a timely and ongoing manner. It is the Board's desire to provide a safe and healthy facility for all students, employees, and visitors.

Every three years, the Woodcliff Lake School District has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection, all materials listed in the Asbestos Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and appropriate response actions recommended.

It is the intention of the Woodcliff Lake School District 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.

The purpose of this memorandum is to satisfy the requirements of AHERA for written notice of the availability of the Management Plan for review. Should you desire, please contact me for further details.

Since the last written notice, the following asbestos related projects were/will be conducted by the Woodcliff Lake Board of Education.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
Dorchester Elementary School	Various Classrooms
Woodcliff Lake Middle School	Exterior Caulk Abatement

Sincerely,



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