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Dear Staff and Parents,

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing and fire retarding capabilities. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. However, State and Federal laws have since been enacted regarding the identification of asbestos in schools and the notification to employees and parents.

The laws set forth stringent requirements and deadlines wherein AHERA covers all areas of asbestos management including identification, testing, training, handling, cleaning, long-term planning, abatement and disposal. In complying fully with these mandates, this administration continues to attempt to create the safest possible environment for our students and staff and wishes to assure the community that any remaining work will be done with minimal disruption to school operations and with the highest concern for safety.

As required by law, each building in the district has an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan. Our plans were submitted and approved by the New Jersey Department of Health in May 1989, and copies of this report, as well as all appropriate records and updates since that time are available for review in each location's main office. Any questions regarding same can be answered by myself as the Asbestos Designated Person responsible for the district.

In accordance with the requirements of AHERA 40 CFR, part 763, a six month monitoring inspection for ACM is completed. During our last inspection, no friable or damaged ACM were found and our buildings are therefore considered to be asbestos-safe.

By stringently following the approved methods, we will continue to address these issues to ensure a safe teaching environment for students and staff. I appreciate and share your concern for safety and will continue to maintain the high standards that we have established.

Sincerely,

Tom Falco
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