



JAMESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To: Parents, Students and District Employees

From: Andy Klyn, District AHERA Designated Person

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials as defined in AHERA. The law further requires the development of a management plan by an EPA accredited management planner based upon the findings of the inspection.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contain at least some asbestos in pipe insulation, structural fireproofing, floor tile, etc. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

A compliance program was initiated by the district in 1989. For all schools containing asbestos, periodic surveillance of known or assumed asbestos containing materials is conducted at six-month intervals to determine any change in condition. Deterioration or damage is corrected through the AHERA operations and maintenance management plan, and preventive maintenance is routinely performed. AHERA requires that this annual notice be distributed to advise parents/ guardians, students, and district employees of the status of the asbestos program.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted a number of years ago and identified some asbestos-containing materials and a management plan was drafted and submitted to the state. It outlines in detail the methods we will use to maintain the materials in a safe manner, and will help reduce or eliminate the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools. The management plan is updated periodically as asbestos is removed or conditions change. Our insurance program, Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC), has staff members who are EPA accredited as inspectors, management planners, contractor supervisors, project designers and are state certified as asbestos consultants to assist us. We work very closely with them to ensure that all recommendations and procedures are properly followed.

In the 2019-2020 school year Jamestown Elementary School and Chinese Camp Science Academy had no building repairs or construction that uncovered asbestos nor required any abatement of asbestos.

No asbestos abatement activities are planned for this upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

A copy of the complete district management plan is on file for your review at the district office located at 18299 Fifth Ave., Jamestown, CA. Copies of documents kept in the school administrative offices include the individual campus inspection reports and records of surveillance, training, maintenance and abatement. These documents may be available and obtained for a nominal charge. If you have any questions about the asbestos program or the AHERA legislation, please contact Andy Klyn at aklyn@jespanthers.org to make an appointment to discuss our management plan with you.

Sincerely,
Andy Klyn, Director of Maintenance and Transportation