

ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND EMPLOYEES

L'ANSE AREA SCHOOLS

October 11, 2016

L'Anse Area Schools District is committed to protecting the health and well-being of students, staff, and the general public. I am writing to assure you that L'Anse Area Schools District has an Asbestos Management Plan in place that complies with state and federal requirements.

Asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually all buildings constructed before late 1970s contained some asbestos material. Examples of asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) are vinyl floor tile, sprayed-on acoustical ceiling material, pipe and boiler insulation and roofing felt. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. However, asbestos materials can be a concern if they are damaged, deteriorate over time or are otherwise disturbed, as fibers can be released.

In 1986, Congress passes the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires all schools to inspect their sites for asbestos-containing materials (ACBM), develop a plan to manage the asbestos for each school building, notify parents and staff regarding the management plan availability, provide asbestos awareness training to school staff, and implement timely actions to deal with dangerous asbestos situations.

Since the enactment of AHERA, L'Anse Area Schools District has taken aggressive steps toward maintaining a healthy environment by adopting an AHERA compliance program. The District completed the initial inspections to identify asbestos containing building material (ACBM) at each of our school buildings utilizing an EPA certified inspector. The Asbestos Management Plan provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of ACBM remaining in our school through triennial re-inspections, conducted by accredited asbestos inspectors, and through semiannual surveillance, conducted by trained school maintenance staff. Additionally, L'Anse Area Schools District has designate Mike Roth as the District's AHERA "Designated Person" to manage and oversee these requirements.

A copy of the District's Asbestos Management Plan and the results of the 2016 inspection are available at the Central Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Roth at (906) 524-6000 ext. 211.

I want to assure you that L'Anse Area Schools District is committed to safeguarding the students, staff and the general public.

Sincerely,



Susan Tollefson
Superintendent