



BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TO : Students, Employees, and Parents of the Big Spring School District
FROM : Joshua Putt, Asbestos Supervisor
SUBJECT: Annual Asbestos Management Notification
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In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), a law that requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any building materials that contain asbestos. The law further requires the development of a management plan, based upon the findings of those inspections, that outlines the school district's intentions relative to controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire-retarding capabilities. Virtually any buildings constructed before the late 1970s contain at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. Currently, there are some building materials that have some low levels of asbestos. This District does have a few buildings that contain asbestos. The primary health concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate, become damaged, or ground into fine powder.

During the 2013-2014 school year asbestos was abated in the District Administration Office including window glazing, and soffit. At the Middle School asbestos soffit was removed. This abatement was done as part of a window replacement project at both buildings.

The district's remaining asbestos was in the floor tiles of our older buildings including Newville Elementary, Mount Rock Elementary, and the Middle School. The asbestos containing materials at Newville were removed in the summer of 2017 while the asbestos containing materials at Mount Rock Elementary and the Middle School were abated during the summer of 2018. By AHERA law we closely monitor each building containing asbestos and provide a semi-annual report on any changes.

This communication is to make you aware that the Big Spring School District, in compliance with the AHERA, has an Asbestos Management Plan in place. The plan is available for your review in each of the school offices.

The Big Spring School District performs semi-annual surveillance activities in reference to the asbestos that is present in the District's buildings and has had a private environmental firm, Compliance Management International; perform the three-year asbestos re-inspection of the District's buildings as required under AHERA. The most recent contracted three-year re-inspection was performed on July 28th, 2016. The most recent semi-annual asbestos activity reports for each building were completed June 30th, 2017. Copies are maintained in each school that has or had contained asbestos and this office.

If you have any questions concerning the District's Asbestos Abatement and Management Program, please contact me at 776-2000 ext. 1603.