

Bedford City School District's Annual AHERA Notification

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Notification Letter

Dear Parent, Students, Employees, and Vistors:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. All Bedford Public Schools' buildings were inspected and suspected materials were sampled to be tested and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years Bedford Public Schools is required to be re-inspected to determine if any known or suspected asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan be developed to monitor any known or suspected ACBM. The plan has several ongoing requirements: this notification letter announcing the availability of the management plans for anyone to review upon request, training of the support staff about asbestos and how to deal with it, notifying short term workers such as subcontractors of the locations of any known or suspected ACBM, and posting warning signs adjacent to locations of known or suspected ACBM. The designated asbestos coordinator conducts a six-month inspection of area of the buildings where known or suspected ACBM are located to assure they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of Bedford City 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.

You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan upon request.

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