

Medway Public Schools
Medway, MA 02053
Office of the Superintendent

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Annual Update Letter

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law an amendment to the Toxic Substance Control Act requiring schools to determine the presence of asbestos-containing building materials in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), required that all school buildings be visually inspected by accredited inspectors and that bulk samples of suspected materials be taken where the material was not assumed to be asbestos. It further required that management plans be created for each individual building and that the maintenance and custodial personnel receive training. The plan must be implemented and the training must be completed by July 9, 1989. This document is the Asbestos Management Plan, which provides the means and the methods to effectively deal with asbestos-containing building materials.

All phases of asbestos inspection and management planning are reported in this plan, including: response action strategy, priorities, scheduling of abatement activities, coordination of personnel, and evaluation of results. The Plan has an additional function as a reporting document to the state. At the local level, the Plan must be made available for general review by school district.

A copy of the district's asbestos management plan is available in each school and in the facilities department office during regular school hours.

The district continues to update and improve the AHERA Asbestos Management Plans. Any inquiries regarding the management of asbestos-containing materials in the district should be directed to the AHERA designated person, James MacLean, Director of Facilities, who can be reached at 45 Holliston Street, Medway; 508-533-3222, ext. 3159; jmaclean@medway.k12.ma.us.

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