

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. These documents comprise the District's Asbestos Management Plan, which provides the means and the methods to effectively deal with asbestos-containing building materials, and it was implemented with related training completed as required by July 9, 1989. This update is to inform you of the district's ongoing AHERA compliance, as required by law.

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.

The AHERA Management Plans for each Medway School District building are complete and are kept maintained by the Director of Facilities. The District has completed all required three-year re-inspections since 1989, as prescribed in the AHERA regulations.

Any asbestos-containing materials are kept in good condition and the school department has taken the necessary actions to insure the safety of all buildings occupants, as recommended by a firm of consulting engineers that specializes in AHERA work.

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