



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Employees
FROM: Gary Petill, Interim, Chief Operations Officer
DATE: August 25, 2022
SUBJECT: ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT
(AHERA) NOTIFICATION

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools. Since the passage of the law, the San Diego Unified School District has made every effort to establish an effective asbestos management program. The efforts include awareness training for new and affected employees, periodic six-month surveillances of buildings with asbestos containing materials, mandatory three-year re-inspections by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certified inspectors, post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed, and ongoing operations and maintenance activities performed by EPA trained contractor supervisors to ensure protection for building occupants, custodians, and maintenance workers as recommended and supported by the EPA.

In addition, asbestos related work activities may be performed as part of the facility maintenance and upgrades. Asbestos abatement activities are conducted by licensed abatement contractors and are monitored by third party environmental consultants to ensure regulatory compliance, efficacy of removal activities, and safety of staff and students.

The district maintains at each of its school sites and business facilities a copy of the asbestos management plan for the site/facility. The management plan may be reviewed by contacting the school principal or site administrator.

It is the intention of the San Diego Unified School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to provide and maintain safe and healthy conditions for its employees, students, and visitors.

All inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to:

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