

Northern Burlington County Regional School District

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

In the past asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Northern Burlington County Regional School District has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) materials.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Northern Burlington County Regional School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employee about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

The Northern Burlington Middle School contains no asbestos-containing building materials and consequently no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required.

In the high school buildings: During the summer of 2022, forty-seven (47) asbestos containing plumbing elbow insulations were removed in 300 and 700 hallway student bathrooms during the toilet renovations project.

It is the intention of the Northern Burlington County Regional 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, all supplements and air monitoring reports in the office of the facilities director during regular business hours. Mr. Michael Hoodak, of Briggs Associates is our designed asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to Mr. Michael Hoodak at 609-298-5520.

Periodic Surveillance Reports:

Dates of Periodic Surveillance: December 15, 2021 & June 3, 2022

Building Name: Northern Burlington Regional High School

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Sincerely yours,

**Will McKee
Director of Facilities**