

**AHERA NOTIFICATION FORM (Date: September 21, 2020)**

Dear North Berkshire School Union (NBSU) Students, Parents, Families, Legal Guardians, and Staff Members:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. NBSU schools have been inspected and suspect materials were sampled by licensed site inspectors in compliance with the regulations. The condition of asbestos-materials was rated according to EPA AHERA protocols. Every three years, the school buildings in each member school district of the North Berkshire School Union are required to be re-inspected to determine any known or suspected asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) that may have changed, and recommendations are then made on the managing or abatement of the ACBM.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be developed and implemented to monitor any known or suspected ACBM. The plan has several ongoing requirements as follows: publish a notification of management plan availability and the status of any asbestos activity; educate and train employees (NBSU custodians) about asbestos and how to deal with it properly; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the ACBM; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designated to minimize the disturbance of the ACBM; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of the individual school districts in Clarksburg, Florida, and Savoy (as member districts of the North Berkshire School Union) to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos, and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees have a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and work each day. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in the school administrative office during regular school hours.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience at 413-664-9292.

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