



Monday, July 20, 2020

Dear Parents, Students, Employees, and Visitors

Re: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Annual Notification

AHERA NOTIFICATION NOTICE

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. All Pine Tree ISD buildings were inspected and suspected materials were sampled to be tested and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, each facility is required to be re-inspected to determine if any known or suspected asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan be developed to monitor any known or suspected ACBM. The plan has several ongoing requirements: This notification letter announcing the availability of the management plans for anyone to review upon request, training of the support staff about asbestos and how to deal with it, notifying short term workers such as sub-contractors of the locations of any known or suspected ACBM and posting of warning signs adjacent to locations of known or suspected ACBM. The designated asbestos coordinator conducts a six-month inspection of areas of the buildings where known or suspected ACBM are located to assure they remain in good condition.

It is the intention of Pine Tree ISD 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 upon request. It is maintained at the Facility Services department office and can be located on our website: <http://www.ptisd.org/page/Facility.Asbestos> . A copy of the three year AHERA Re-inspection Report is on file at your campus principal's office.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime between the hours of 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. if you have any questions.

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