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## WATERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Staff, Students and Parents of the Watertown Public Schools:

Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in 1986 that required public and private, secondary and elementary schools to identify asbestos containing building material (ACBM) in their school buildings and take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. The US Environmental Protection Agency finalized a regulatory program in 1987 which enforces the AHERA mandate which states that every school building must be inspected for asbestos and it requires that the inspection must be done by an EPA certified inspector. The law also requires that each school building have an "Asbestos Management Plan". The purpose of this plan is to assure occupants that any asbestos contained material that may be present in the building are kept in a "safe, undamaged" condition.

Part of this law requires that each school keep a copy of this Asbestos Management Plan on file and that this plan be available for public viewing. It is the intent of this letter to inform you of the asbestos in the School District and the availability of the management plan.

The asbestos in the District is confined to the following areas:

- Senior High School – Pipe insulation, floor tile
- Intermediate School – Floor tile
- Garfield School – Pipe insulation, floor tile
- McKinley School – Pipe insulation
- Roosevelt School – Floor tile

In general, asbestos containing materials that are hard, such as floor tile are not dangerous. Therefore, the floor tile is of little concern as long as they are maintained intact. The floor tile has been put under an ongoing surveillance and maintenance program which mandates the material be kept intact and free of damage. Pipe insulation that could contain asbestos is located only in the mechanical areas.

It is the intention of the Watertown School District to keep all building occupants and public informed and to be advised that the "Asbestos Management Plan" is available for viewing during normal business hours at the Watertown School District Business Office.

Sincerely yours,

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