



USD 480 Challenges All to Achieve Educational Excellence

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Dear Parents:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted recently by Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and Russia. Asbestos's properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products made using asbestos materials, EPA began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973 and most uses of asbestos products as building materials were banned in 1978.

We have recently had our facilities inspected by an asbestos inspector certified by the State of Kansas. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and -hazard potential of all material in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos.

Using the certified inspection report, which included laboratory analysis records, the inspector developed an Asbestos Management Plan. The Plan includes: this notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos-containing materials.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours (7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.). Precision Environmental Group, Inc. (Wichita, Kansas) is our Asbestos Program Manager and inquiries regarding the plan can be directed to them.

We have begun implementing the asbestos management plan. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure that your child has a healthy and safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

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