

# **METUCHEN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Dear Parent, Guardian or Staff Member:

Prior to USA production being banned in 1978; asbestos was used extensively in building materials. Most buildings constructed up to 1986 contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials can become hazardous over time due to damage or deterioration, which could cause health problems. In 1986, the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos materials was passed by Congress. Suspected asbestos containing materials were located, sampled and rated according to condition and potential hazard.

The law required an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. The Metuchen School District developed a plan as required. The plan has several requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and status of asbestos of asbestos activities; educate and train employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short term workers or temporary workers on the locations of asbestos containing 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.

It is the intention of the Metuchen School District to comply with all necessary federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

Metuchen School District has a contract with TTI Environmental and Shade Environmental, LLC for asbestos related services.

A copy of our asbestos management plan is located in the main office of our schools.