

Asbestos Notification 2019-2020

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Watertown-Mayer School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the Watertown-Mayer school District shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portable and support buildings) owned or leased by the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called a "surveillance" every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also, the law requires for all buildings to be re-inspected three years after a management plan is in effect.

Short-term workers (outside contractors, i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. To receive this information, all short-term works shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work.

The School District has a list of the locations and types of asbestos-containing materials found in each school building as well as a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 10 cents (\$.10) per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Bob Dressel, the Building and Grounds Supervisor at 952-955-00417.