

AHERA Notification

MONROE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

-Annual AHERA Notification-

RE: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Compliance
Notification for the Monroe Township Public Schools

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff:

In accordance with regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), we are required to notify parents, guardians, teachers and other employees each year of the availability of the Asbestos Management Plans and the response actions we are taking to maintain asbestos containing materials in our schools.

The original AHERA inspection of our buildings took place during the 1988-89 school years. At that time the condition of all asbestos containing materials was assessed. Since then, appropriate response actions have been taken to ensure that asbestos is maintained in good condition.

A periodic surveillance of each building has occurred every six months since the original inspection. Additionally, formal re-inspections were completed in all affected buildings every three years since the original inspection. Copies of these reports are on file in the main office of each affected school and at the Board of Education Office.

Custodians and maintenance workers have been instructed on the health effects of asbestos and the importance of maintaining the material in good condition during their normal day to day activities.

A response action (asbestos abatement) was conducted in 2004 and 2005 during the Phase III Williamstown Middle School project and during various stages of construction during the 2006 Bond Referendum construction projects at Whitehall, Holly Glen, the Middle School and Oak Knoll in compliance with AHERA/EPA/NESHAPS and OSHA regulations.

If you wish to review the Asbestos Management Plan, a copy is located in each affected school office and at the Board of Education Offices.

Sincerely,
Charles M. Earling
Superintendent of Schools