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TO: Parents, Staff, School Organizations and Employee Representative Groups

**RE:** AHERA Annual Notification

This memo is to notify all parents, staff, school organizations and employee representative groups that the Cincinnati Public School District complies with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations.

These regulations require every private, parochial and public school district to inspect all school buildings for asbestos containing material, assess the condition of the asbestos material and draw up a plan on how the district is to manage the asbestos containing material.

The Cincinnati Public School District has had all buildings inspected for asbestos and has compiled the results in the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Ace (AHERA) – *Asbestos Management Plan*. The plan for each school is located in the main school office and is available for review.

The Asbestos Management Plan should be checked when planning all building renovations so as to prevent the disturbance of asbestos. All planned repairs and renovations of school district buildings, which involve the disturbance of known asbestos containing material, are completed by certified persons who are trained to work with asbestos material. These projects are completed in a safe manner by following procedures detailed in the Asbestos Management Plan.

The school district continues to monitor the condition of all asbestos containing building material by having district employees check the condition every six months. In addition, the district has trained inspectors from outside the district conduct a major re-inspection of all buildings every three years. The results of these required inspections are available in the Asbestos Management Plan.

If your school has had asbestos abatement projects, you will find a brief description of the projects in the Asbestos Management Plan.

Any questions or concerns about the implementation of the AHERA regulations should be given to the building administrator who will contact the Environmental Health and Safety Manager, if necessary, to obtain clarification.

Sincerely,

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