

SOUTH CENTRAL CALHOUN ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

To: Parents and Employees of South Central Calhoun Community School District

Re: The Presence of Asbestos within District Buildings

As a result of the federal law AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all district facilities are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos. Included in the AHERA Act is the requirement to notify all parents, guardians and staff members, as well as organizations representing them, of activities and events with the asbestos containing building materials annually.

In March of 2019 Impact 7G was requested by South Central Calhoun CSD to review and prepare an asbestos management plan identifying the presence of asbestos within the District school buildings. The Institute's federally certified inspectors, planners, public health, and engineering consultants worked in conjunction with school administrative personnel to identify asbestos-containing building products. Asbestos is a mineral fiber associated with increased levels of disease when inhaled. The risk rating procedures that the institute used in commenting on the asbestos were developed in conjunction with national experts in the area of industrial hygiene and engineering. After reviewing the characteristics of district buildings, we prepared a management plan for each building, a copy of which is maintained at the Central office and also in the administrative office for each major building describing the asbestos plan and the intended response.

Once every three years, a certified inspector must re-inspect remaining materials. In addition, the rule required a periodic walk-through (called surveillance) in each area containing asbestos every six months.

Asbestos is dangerous only when it is broken loose from building material into fine, dust-like fibers and inhaled. Assuming the District building maintains its operations and maintenance procedures and, if asbestos is to be removed or abated, that such removal is done under carefully controlled conditions, the asbestos should not represent a detectable risk to any building occupant. Each building in the district is inspected periodically every three years. This periodic surveillance is conducted to provide a continuous assessment to assure safety conscious management of asbestos-containing materials.

The detailed plan and updated information for each building, or for the entire district, is open to public review and is located in the district office. If you have any questions, please contact the District's Administration.

The goal of South Central Calhoun CSD is to be in full compliance with AHERA. It is district policy to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff members. This shall be accomplished by strict enforcement of the policies regarding asbestos by the asbestos manager and school officials.