

## **ASBESTOS**

Dear Parents, Employees, and Patrons:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

Elkhart USD 218 has had all our buildings inspected by Precision Environmental from Wichita, Kansas. The contract with Precision Environmental included planning, inspection, and the management plan. They have found asbestos at the elementary, the middle school, the high school, and the Fowler Field House.

The only asbestos in the elementary building is floor tile in the gym. This floor tile is classified as non-friable (cannot be easily crumbled) and therefore can be “managed” without removal. It is now completely covered by a rubberized flooring.

The middle school has non-friable asbestos tile, which is covered by carpet and therefore can be “managed” without removal. The mudded joints to the boiler in the custodial room also contained non-friable asbestos. These have been wrapped and can also be “managed” without removal. This boiler is no longer in use.

The high school also has non-friable asbestos in the floor tile throughout the building, which is also covered by carpet and can be “managed” without removal. In the Industrial Arts woodshop the flex connector in the heating duct to control vibration also contains non-friable asbestos. This connector is wrapped and therefore can be “managed” without removal.

There are two areas in the Fowler Field House, which have non-friable asbestos. It is located in the entryway of the old gym and in the health room. They are waxed annually so these, too, can be “managed” without removal.

Our district has appointed Andy Bane to be our “designated person” for supervising, inspecting, and removing, if necessary, any asbestos within our buildings. Each building and the district office have a copy of the “management plan”. This plan is available for your inspection should you feel any need to examine it.

We intend to fully comply with all relevant EPA and OSHA regulations in order that our children and employees will not be endangered. We will also keep you advised of any actions we may take regarding asbestos in any of our school buildings.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please convey them to myself or Andy Bane at USD 218.

Respectfully,



Rex Richardson, Superintendent

## **AVAILABILITY OF ASBESTOS PLAN**

### **EBBA Hazardous Waste Inspection and Disposal**

#### Inspection

Regular inspection of district facilities for hazardous waste shall be conducted by the superintendent or designee. Written records of these inspections shall be maintained.

#### Disposal

When hazardous waste material is produced in a class, or otherwise located in the district, its disposal shall be in accordance with state and federal rules and regulations, or current law.

#### Rules

The superintendent shall develop written rules and procedures for notifying district administrators that hazardous waste has been discovered and/or produced and rules for reporting the proper disposal of waste. These rules and regulations shall be distributed to all staff members in classified and certified handbooks.

## **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

When hazardous waste material is produced in a class, or otherwise located in the district, its disposal shall be in accordance with state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

No employee shall bring hazardous material to school without the prior approval of the supervisor. Such material shall be in an appropriate container and properly labeled.

If an employee discovers waste material, which is or may be hazardous, he/she should notify his/her supervisor immediately.

Hazardous wastes include, but are not limited to, wastes that are flammable, corrosive, infectious, highly reactive or toxic.

Hazardous waste must be placed in an appropriate container affixed with a hazardous waste label that lists the specific contents.

Unlabeled containers whose contents are undetermined and that may contain hazardous substances shall not be put in trash containers.

All hazardous wastes must be properly labeled and stored appropriately until they can be disposed of properly. Placing them in trash containers or the sewer system is not an acceptable disposal method.