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Dear Parent, Teacher and Employee:

This letter is notification that your school is in compliance with the Federal Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The AHERA-required Management Plan is on file at your school's administration offices.

AHERA requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any Asbestos-Containing Building Materials (ACBMs). The law further requires the development of a Management Plan based on the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools. In the past, asbestos was used in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970s contains some ACBMs. The materials are distributed in various locations and may include floor tiles, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.


Our Management Plan has been in place since 1989. It outlines in detail the methods used to maintain the materials in a safe manner. It also contains a schedule for the phased removal of these materials as applicable.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's plan is on file for your review at the Archdiocesan Office of Property and Construction Services located at 710 Ninth Ave., Seattle, Washington 98104. Each school's building inspection reports are on file in their respective administrative offices.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's schools are taking the necessary steps to ensure that the school's buildings are safe for the students and employees. An abatement firm has been retained to be available 24-hours a day to respond to sudden needs that may arise. We share with you the desire to have a safe and healthy learning environment for our children and employees.

Please be assured that our schools have completed the necessary steps to be in compliance with the law.

Sincerely yours,

  
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