

# EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Annual Notification Update Letter

October 22, 2018

Dear Staff, Guardians, and Students:

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law an amendment to the Toxic Substance Control Act requiring schools to determine the presence of asbestos-containing building materials (ACBMs) in all school buildings. That amendment, called the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), requires that the Easthampton Public Schools, acting as the Local Education Agency (LEA), ensure all school buildings are visually inspected by accredited asbestos inspectors. Starting in 1989, requirements of the AHERA regulation must be implemented. This regulatory documentation shall be maintained in each School's Asbestos Management Plan. The LEA must assign a Designated Person to ensure the requirements of the AHERA regulation are properly implemented.

The results of the asbestos inspection(s) are reported in the Management Plan, which is updated every three years, including: response action documentation, 6-month periodic surveillance, training, and evaluation of resources documents. We are required to make the Plan available for general review. We continue to update and improve the AHERA Asbestos Management Plan for each school on an ongoing basis. A copy of each school's current Three-Year Re-Inspection Report (designated as the current asbestos management plan) is available on-site review in the School's main office during normal school hours. The AHERA documentation is also maintained by our district's Designated Person, EPS Director of Maintenance Larry Carnes.

Any inquiries regarding the management of asbestos-containing building materials within the Easthampton Public Schools should be directed to Mr. Carnes who can be reached at (413) 529-1585 or emailed at [lcarnes@epsd.us](mailto:lcarnes@epsd.us).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent