



WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Staff:

Each year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires notification to parents, teachers, and other school employees of the response actions taken to safely maintain the asbestos containing materials (ACM) in our schools. This is in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response ACT (AHERA) regulations. As you may know, "asbestos" is a generic term for six naturally occurring fibrous minerals, which have been widely used in construction and friction materials because of their excellent insulative and resilient qualities.

When ACM begins to deteriorate, it becomes friable, a condition in which individual asbestos fibers can be released into the air, be breathed in by people, and potentially increase the risks to human health. Although all epidemiological evidence suggests that only heavy, occupational exposures to asbestos fibers over long periods of time (20+ years) lead to health effects, the EPA and the West Essex Regional School District are committed to eliminating asbestos fiber exposures within school buildings. To accomplish this, we've engaged the services of an environmental consulting firm.

New Wave Consultants, Inc., is an environmental consultant company, who performs a six-month periodic surveillance and a three-year re-inspection as per AHERA regulations. The six-month surveillances are conducted in August and February of each school year. The next three-year re-inspection will be conducted in August 2022. Copies of all semi-annual inspection reports are filed in the district's Asbestos Management Plan, located in the Board Office and the Main Office of each school, which you are welcome to review any time during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taulant Feti", is written over a horizontal line.

Taulant Feti
Director of Buildings and Grounds

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

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