

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA), each school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and have a plan of management for all asbestos-containing materials. BOLD Schools has a goal to be in full compliance with this law. As a matter of policy, the District shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

Asbestos was used extensively during World War II in ship construction and for other materials. It was also widely used in office buildings, factories, schools, and hospitals. In all cases, asbestos products worked well to provide fire safety. Since then, a concern has been raised that, with time, asbestos-containing materials could break down and allow particles to enter the air. Because heavy exposure to asbestos particles has been linked to some cancers, an earlier federal law was passed requiring schools to identify areas in which materials containing friable asbestos were used.

In keeping with this legislation, BOLD Schools were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the District prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within the buildings safely and responsibly.

Federal law requires a periodic walk through ("surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also, the law requires that all buildings to be inspected three years after a management plan in is effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc. provides the District contracted services to accomplish this. BOLD Schools has completed its 3-year inspection required by AHERA. The buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal, and Operations and Maintenance.

There were no abatement projects in the District during the 2015-2016 school year or throughout the summer of 2016.

Short-term workers (outside contractors) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

BOLD Schools has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in the school buildings and a description and timetable for their proper management. The list and copies of the Asbestos Management Plan are available for review in the District Office in Olivia. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) 800-233-9513 or by contacting the BOLD School District.

INDOOR AIR QUALITY NOTICE

BOLD Schools has taken a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable, and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission – educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality (IAQ) by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our schools, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of air we breathe.

School staff, students, and parents, can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out-of-school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school.

NOTICE CONCERNING USE OF PEST CONTROL MATERIALS

BOLD utilizes a licensed, professional pest control service firm for the prevention and control of rodents, insects, and other pests in and around the District's buildings. The program consists of:

1. *inspection and monitoring* to determine whether pests are present, and whether any treatment is needed;
2. recommendations for *maintenance and sanitation* to help eliminate pests without the need for pest control materials;
3. utilization of *non-chemical measures* such as traps, caulking, and screening; and
4. applications of *EPA-registered pest control materials* when needed.

Pests can sting, bite, cause contamination, damage property, and spread disease; therefore, we must prevent and control them. The long-term health effects on children from the application of such pest control materials, or the class of materials to which they belong, may not be fully understood. All pest control materials are chosen and applied according to label directions per Federal law.

Questions regarding the District's IAQ program, or estimated dates for interior pest control inspections and/or application of herbicides and other materials to school grounds for the school year should contact the District Office at 320-523-1031 ext. 2100.

Parents or students may request to receive, at their expense, prior notification of any application of a pest control material, should an application be deemed necessary on a day different from the days specified in the schedule.