



## David Douglas School District

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**TO:** David Douglas School District Parents, Guardians and Staff

**FROM:** Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services

**RE:** Annual Asbestos Update

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In 1986 Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in schools throughout the nation. Under this act it became the responsibility of all school districts in the nation to identify and begin maintaining and monitoring all asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) in each of their facilities. In 1987 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program which enforces AHERA. As maintaining a safe environment for our students, staff and patrons remains one of our highest priorities at David Douglas School District, it has been and continues to be our goal to comply strictly with all provisions provided under the AHERA act.

Our District Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) is located in the Operations Department Office located at 2900 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97236. Each school's history of reinspection reports and periodic surveillance reports are located in the main office of that facility. Not all of the District's schools contain ACBM, the following schools do not: Fir Ridge Campus and Ron Russell Middle School. The remaining schools throughout the District do have various amounts of ACBM.

During the course of the year the documentation at each school with ACBM are updated to reflect a periodic surveillance inspection that occurs twice during the year and checks on the condition of the asbestos throughout our District. And every three years there is an EPA mandated, third party comprehensive re-inspection of the District's ACBM. Additional changes to the AMP will also be made when a repair or removal is made within the areas of our facilities that have ACBM. This work is done by a licensed and bonded Asbestos abatement contractor and all EPA mandatory safety precautions and procedures are taken during these projects and a complete accounting of the change is placed into the AMP on site as well as at the Facilities Department Office.

Should you wish to review the status of asbestos in a particular school building or the overall status within the District, please feel free to contact Lance Schweitzer, Facilities Manager at (503)256-6500 ext. 5653 or the Principal of the school in which you are interested.