



Annual Notification Letter: 2023 / 2024

To Parents/Guardians, Teachers, Students, & Employee Organizations:

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) parents, guardians, teachers, children, and employees of the South Orange/Maplewood School District must be notified annually of the district's activities regarding asbestos found in the schools.

Under the AHERA Regulation it was required that all educational facilities be inspected for asbestos containing materials. Subsequent Tri-Annual Re-inspections and periodic surveillances (every six months) are required to update and maintain the Asbestos Management plan. The last 3-Year Re-Inspection was conducted in August 2021.

AHERA Consultants, Inc. will be conducting the next periodic surveillance in February 2024; surveillances were conducted in both February & August 2023. The next 3-Year Re-Inspection will be performed in August 2024. Following the surveillance & 3-Year Re-Inspection(s), all reports will be assimilated into the Management Plan and be available inside the main office of the Administration Building. They will be available for review during normal operating hours.

During this past year, extensive asbestos abatement projects were conducted in the Marshall ES, Maplewood MS, South Mountain ES, South Mountain ES Annex, and Columbia HS. Operations and Maintenance projects were additionally performed at the Administration Building, South Mountain ES, Marshall ES and Columbia HS.

AHERA Consultants, Inc. is scheduled to conduct an awareness-training seminar for all custodial and maintenance staff. The District's Facilities Director, Thomas Giglio, will keep us informed of any potential asbestos issues within the district.