



## **Asbestos Notification Letter**

Dear Parents and Staff:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted to determine the extent of, and develop solutions for, any problems schools may have with asbestos.

Asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and the USSR. It has also been mined here in Montana. Asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products in 1973, and most uses of asbestos products such as building materials were banned in 1978.

As required by AHERA a certified asbestos inspector inspected all facilities at \_\_\_\_\_, and rated the condition and hazard potential of materials in the school facilities suspected of containing asbestos.

The facilities are officially inspected every three years, along with surveillances being completed every 6 months to see that all aspects of the management plan are being carried out.

This notification letter, education of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the ACM, and plans for regular surveillance of the ACM are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations (AHERA).

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in the school office during regular office hours. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to the school's principal or board chairperson.

It is the school's intent to comply with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. Steps are and will be taken necessary to ensure your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.