

# AHERA Yearly Notification Form

(School Website)

March 4, 2014

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Seymour Community School Corporation has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last reinspection conducted on December 19, 2012, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and found to be in good condition.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Seymour Community School Corporation developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

The following buildings contain no asbestos-containing building materials; therefore, no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required: Administrative Office, Jackson Elementary, Redding Elementary, Seymour High School, Seymour Middle School Sixth Grade Center, and Transportation Center. During the past year, asbestos containing building materials have been removed, encapsulated, or enclosed in the following buildings: none. During the next year, we plan to conduct the following asbestos related activities at the following school buildings: Future six month inspections at Margaret R. Brown Elementary, Cortland Elementary, Emerson Elementary and Seymour Middle School.

It is the intention of Seymour Community School Corporation to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. Our annual notification of students and staff is currently done through the student agenda booklets and the corporation website. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan during regular business hours in Seymour Community School Corporation's Administration Offices at 1638 S. Walnut Street, Seymour, Indiana 47274 or at each facility. David L. Stark, Director of Facilities & Grounds is our designed asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to him at 812-522-3340 or starkd@scsc.k12.in.us