

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

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), parents and guardians, teachers, children, and employees of the Watchung Hills Regional Board of Education 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 surveillance was conducted in April 2021, with the next 3-Year Re-Inspection being due in April 2023.

AHERA Consultants, Inc. will be conducting the next periodic surveillance in October 2021. Following the surveillance, reports will be assimilated into the Management Plan and be available inside the main office of each school building as well as the Watchung Hills Regional Board of Education Administrative Offices. They will be available for review during normal operating hours.

AHERA Consultants, Inc. has also conducted O&M activities in various facilities as needed. An asbestos abatement project was conducted this past summer in the Cafeteria area of the building. Additional smartboard testing was conducted prior to installation and planned renovations will be tested for asbestos content prior to the start of the projects. AHERA Consultants, Inc. will work closely with the Supervisor of Facilities, Kris Byk, who will keep us informed of any potential asbestos issues within the district.