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Dear Parent:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, be inspected for asbestos containing building materials.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building, built before the late 1970's, contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. Albany County School District has buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

In 1988, Albany County School District contacted Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services to bring our schools into compliance with AHERA regulations.

The objectives of our contract with the consulting firm were to:

1. Sample, analyze and quantify asbestos containing materials in our schools.
2. Determine any potential for exposure of building occupants to asbestos fibers.
3. Provide recommendations for corrective actions.
4. Establish priority levels for abatement activities.
5. Provide estimates for removal and replacement of asbestos containing materials.

Our schools were inspected in accordance with regulations by Hall-Kimbrell, an EPA accredited inspector. Samples of suspect materials were taken and analyzed at the firm's EPA accredited laboratory. Based upon those findings, a Management Plan was written, which outlines our intent in controlling and abating any asbestos containing materials. The Management Plan has been submitted to the Governor's Office, as required by law. A copy of the plan is on file, for your review, in the school district Administrative Office at 1948 Grand Avenue, Laramie, WY. Individual building plans can be found in each school's administrative office. As required by AHERA, three year follow-up inspections have been conducted in 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007 by Reliable Environmental Management Services (REMS) of Lawrence, KS, and in 2010 and 2014 by Terracon of Fort Collins, CO. Next inspection scheduled for 2018. New updates are on file at the Maintenance and Operations Office at 804 Skyline Road, Laramie, WY.

The Management Plan includes Operations and Maintenance development for our schools. This program is the primary foundation by which we control exposure to any asbestos containing materials through a systematic schedule of monitoring, employee training, recordkeeping and periodic re-inspection. Our maintenance and custodial staff have received special training to qualify them to conduct their routine activities around asbestos and to monitor the condition of the materials. A qualified firm is hired to handle accidental releases of asbestos fibers if the materials become damaged.

Semiannual surveillances are being conducted as per the Management Plan and the results of the surveillances are included in the plan. Any response actions, undertaken in the preceding year, are included in the plan.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Wilkison".

Randy Wilkison
Director of Operations

