ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

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 recently by congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, 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 U.S.S.R. asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulation, sound absorption, decorative plasters, fireproofing and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 36,000 different products made using asbestos materials. EPA began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973 and most uses of asbestos products as building materials were banned in 1978.

We have had our facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector, as required by AHERA. The inspector located, sampled and rated the condition and hazard potential of all material in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos. The inspection and laboratory analysis records were turned over to a professional certified firm to develop asbestos management plans.

An asbestos management plan was developed for our facilities which includes: this notification letter, education and training of our employees, a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos containing materials (ACM) and plans for regular surveillance of the ACM.

Falls City Public School, complying with this plan, removed all of the friable asbestos from its buildings. Some floor tile containing asbestos still remain.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administration offices during regular office hours. Mike Kafer is our asbestos program coordinator and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him.

We have implemented the asbestos management plan. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps are necessary to insure your children and our employees have a healthy, safe environment in which to learn and work.