

### **ASBESTOS NOTICE**

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 Russia. 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 made using asbestos materials. The 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 every 6 months, 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 compiled by Denise Zimmer, certified Inspector/Management Planner for Asbestos Control with AEA 9.

They have developed an asbestos management plan for our facilities which includes: this notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos containing materials, plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos-containing materials, and a re-inspection update program every three years.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in each building administrative office during regular office hours. The Superintendent is our Asbestos Program Manager and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him.

We are implementing this asbestos management plan! Also, 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. All large projects are EPA approved and let to the lowest certified bidder.