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August 1, 2024

TO: Principals

FROM: Dwight Marsh, Director, Maintenance Services

THRU: Harry Fix, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities & Operations

**RE: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act
"Notice to Building Occupants and Parents"**

We are required by the federal regulation Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) to inspect all schools that have asbestos containing materials (ACM). This regulation requires that schools containing asbestos materials be inspected initially and then re-inspected every three years thereafter. Each school should have a copy of all inspection booklets in the school's Asbestos Management Plan File.

In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each year the Local Education Agency (LEA) notify in writing to parents, teachers, and students of the availability of Management Plans (results of inspection) for asbestos identified in each school. Pursuant to section 40 CFR 763.93(e) (12) (g) (4), this notice shall be dated and identified by school/facility.

Subsequent EPA guidance suggest that the most acceptable form of notification is to have the notice placed on school letterhead, dated, signed by the school administrator and issued to each student and parent, i.e. school newsletter. Specific text is required in this notice. A copy of the text is attached for you in English and Spanish and is also available at <http://thehub.polk-fl.net/docs/> Click on Environmental Services then Asbestos. Insert your school name where indicated then prepare and issue the notice as suggested. Include a copy of the notice in your school's Asbestos Management Plan File and forward a copy to Tracy Hannah, Maintenance Services via e-mail, no later than September 15, 2023.

cc: Frederick R Heid, Superintendent

STUDENTS FIRST



NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for Janie Howard Wilson Elementary have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the Governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the District School Board of Polk County Maintenance Department and is available for review upon request.

AVISO A LOS OCUPANTES DEL EDIFICIO Y A LOS PADRES

NOTIFICACIÓN DE LA INSPECCIÓN DE MATERIALES QUE CONTIENEN ASBESTO EN LAS ESCUELAS PÚBLICAS

La Agencia de Protección Ambiental (EPA) ha emitido una regulación final, 40 CFR Parte 763, Materiales que Contienen Asbesto en las escuelas, comúnmente referidos como AHERA. Esta regulación requiere que todas las Agencias Locales de Educación (LEA's) identifiquen los materiales que contienen asbestos (ACM) en los edificios escolares y que se tomen todas las medidas adecuadas para controlar la liberación de fibras de asbesto.

Todas las inspecciones de Janie Howard Wilson Elementary han sido completadas y un Plan de Manejo describiendo los resultados de la inspección, donde fuese aplicable, ha sido sometido al Gobernador para aprobación. Una copia del plan está localizada en la oficina administrativa de esta escuela y en el Departamento Ambiental y de Seguridad del Distrito de la Junta Escolar del Condado de Polk y está disponible para revisión si así se solicita.