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Memorandum

To: HCSD Stakeholders
From: Dr. Richard Rogers, Superintendent of Schools
Date: July 1, 2025
Re: Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA)

This memorandum is presented to Houston County School District school staff, parents/guardians, teacher and employee organizations, vendors, and temporary workers and/or contractors, pursuant to requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Response Act (AHERA). Houston County School District facilities are AHERA regulated.

In 1986, Congress passed AHERA. To comply with federal regulations, all public and private elementary, middle, and secondary schools were inspected for all friable and non-friable asbestos-containing materials by an accredited inspector. Facilities are periodically re-inspected, and conditions reassessed. In addition, an accredited planner must update an Asbestos Management Plan annually and submit it to the Georgia State Department of Education by June 26.

Pursuant to Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate, as required by 40 CFR 763.84(c) and 40 CFR 763.94(g)(4), this memorandum is to acknowledge and notify HCSD stakeholders of the district's AHERA Asbestos Management Plan. The plan documents all performed or planned asbestos related inspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities that are planned or in progress, within the school district.

All asbestos information and the specific Asbestos Management Plan for each school is available to the public. Anyone interested in a copy of a school's Plan may obtain one by paying a reasonable copying fee. If you have any questions, please direct them to the district's Safety/Environmental Supervisor and Asbestos Management Planner/Inspector, Ryan Black. He may be contacted at Ryan.Black@hcbe.net or (478) 929-7808, ext. 2356.

As always, the Houston County School District is pleased to comply with all aspects of state and federal government regulations to assure a safe, healthy, and effective environment for our children and employees.