



Califon Public School

"Making Their Lives Extraordinary"



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Dear Parents, Guardians & Staff:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing materials (ACM). The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

Asbestos is the generic term for naturally occurring fibrous minerals (rock) which are mined from the ground and used in various products because of their resiliency and insulating qualities. When intact and undisturbed, ACM does not release asbestos fibers, so no asbestos becomes airborne. When no fibers are airborne, no hazard to humans exists from the asbestos. 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 1970s contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fire proofing.

The inspection of our school is complete and while asbestos was removed from some sections of the building during the summers of 2006 and 2008, some asbestos-containing materials remain in our building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include pipe insulations and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Karl & Associates has implemented a comprehensive operations and maintenance program designed to prevent building occupants from exposure to asbestos fibers. This program includes training all maintenance and custodial staff in how to avoid disturbing ACM. In the event that ACM would be disturbed, state-certified technicians would respond immediately to contain and clean up any fiber release. The response crew would also have sophisticated air monitoring equipment to detect even a small amount of airborne asbestos fibers, if present. A copy of the Management Plan is on file for your review in the school office. Our next inspection within the district will take place in March, 2013.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Very truly yours,

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