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## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Full Compliance with Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act**

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School System is pleased to announce its compliance with the federal regulations concerning the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). To comply with these regulations, all public and private elementary, middle, and secondary schools must be re-inspected for all friable and non-friable asbestos-containing materials by an accredited inspector.

In addition, an Asbestos Management Plan must be updated by an accredited planner and submitted to the Georgia State Department of Education by June 26, 2019. A copy of this Asbestos Management Plan is located in each school office and is available to the public. Anyone desiring a copy of the plan may obtain one by paying a reasonable copying fee.

As always, the Houston County School System is pleased to comply with all aspects of the state and federal government to assure a safe, healthy and effective environment for our students and employees. For more information, please contact the Safety/Environmental Supervisor and Asbestos Management Planner/Inspector, Steve Langston, with the Houston County Board of Education Maintenance Department. He may be contacted by email at [Steve.Langston@hcbe.net](mailto:Steve.Langston@hcbe.net) or by phone at 478-929-7808, ext. 4.

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