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Dear Parents and Staff,

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted to determine the presence of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) in schools and provide guidance on how to manage it.

Asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral found throughout most of California, but 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 asbestos containing products in use since 1973. Many ACMs were banned in 1978 or gradually phased out over time.

As required by AHERA, a certified asbestos inspector and management planner inspected all facilities at Bellevue Unified School District. Suspect ACMs in the district facilities have been identified and evaluated for condition and potential for disturbance. All friable materials were sampled. An asbestos management plan was developed based on the findings of the inspection and laboratory analyses of materials sampled.

This notification letter, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the ACM and plans for regular surveillance of the ACM are a part of our efforts to meet pertinent regulatory requirements (AHERA).

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in each school office or the district administrative office during regular office hours. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to:

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It is the District's intent to comply with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. Ensuring your children and our employees have a healthy environment in which to learn and work is of paramount importance to the District.