

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 317 & #6070
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATION**

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Deer River School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as, the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community’s youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the Deer River School District were inspected by an EPA accredited inspector and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the district prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for the safe and responsible handling of asbestos within its buildings.

This past year Deer River School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

- Continued periodic surveillance by the Institute for Environmental Assessment

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called “surveillance”) every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires for all buildings to be reinspected three years after a management plan is in effect. The Institute for Environmental Assessment will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillance have been and will continue to be dealt with promptly.

Short-term workers (outside contractors – i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Deer River School District has a list of the location(s); type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the Institute for Environmental Assessment at 800-233-9513 or by contacting Deer River School District at 218-246-2420.

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