

## AHERA Annual Notice

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants, and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In accordance with the US EPA's AHERA Standard (ref: 40 CFR 763.80,) all information concerning asbestos-containing materials in The School Town of Highland is available for review and copying by students, staff and guardians during normal business hours.