



AHERA COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

July 17, 2019

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its exceptional insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retardant capabilities. Virtually, any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some form of asbestos. Intact and undisturbed, asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk to building occupants. Risk levels increase when damage, deterioration over time or neglect causes asbestos fibers to become released into the air. These fibers can lead to chronic health problems in some individuals if inhaled.

In 1986, the United States Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required (and continues to require) schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials in buildings owned, operated or otherwise used for school purposes. During these original inspections, materials were located, sampled, quantified and ranked according to the hazards observed. Every three years, that same regulation requires Talawanda School District to have a re-inspection of the materials previously identified to determine whether the condition of those materials has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the asbestos-containing building materials. The date of the last re-inspection for our school was July 10, 2019. ATC Associates Inc of Cincinnati, Ohio is scheduled to perform this re-inspection during the month of July, 2022.

Further, AHERA required that an initial Management Plan, be generated and active for each school building by July 1989. The plan is a compilation of all inspection data generated, required compliance notification, abatement projects, training of employees and short-term workers and six month periodic surveillance events. Talawanda School District has developed a plan as required. This document is available for public review and is located in the school building, as well as the Facilities office. The school has a designated person who is responsible for AHERA compliance work. This individual is Mr. Bill Hubbard, Director of Facilities, and can be contacted at (513) 273-3132.

During the past year, asbestos-containing materials were not removed from any of our buildings. It is the intention of Talawanda School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and work. Should you have additional questions or comments concerning asbestos, the School's Management Plan or any other safety and health need, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to a successful, safe and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Edward Theroux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "T".

Dr. Edward Theroux
Superintendent

Cc: D. Gregory (ATC Associates)
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