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Dear Parent or Guardian:

By law we are mandated to provide an update on the status of asbestos at the Brookhaven Academy Inc. facility.

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 1970's 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 fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Brookhaven Academy Inc. has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection, conducted in 2013, all materials listed in the Brookhaven Academy plan as asbestos-containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and their condition did not warrant any further activities at this time (i.e. removal or encapsulation).

The law further required an asbestos management plan to be in place by July 1989. Brookhaven Academy Inc. is developing a plan, as required. The plan has several ongoing requirements which include publishing a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educating and training its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; following set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos-containing building materials; and surveying the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

During the past year, no asbestos related activities were conducted at any school buildings. There are no asbestos related activities scheduled for any school buildings in the upcoming year.

It is the intention of Brookhaven Academy Inc. to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos, and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan in the school office during regular business hours, which are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Very truly yours,

Julie Wright
Head of School

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