



Board of Education U.S.D. #257

ASBESTOS—Annual Notification

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1987 (referred to as AHERA), was enacted recently by Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and the U.S.S.R. Asbestos' properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorptions, decorative plasters, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. There have been over 3,000 different products made using asbestos materials. EPA began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973 and most uses of asbestos products as building materials were banned in 1978.

We have our facilities inspected by a certified asbestos inspector every three years, as required by AHERA. The inspection and laboratory analysis records are turned over to a professional engineer certified to develop asbestos management plans.

The asbestos management plan for our facilities includes: this notification letter, education and training of our employees, and a set of plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of any asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of asbestos-containing materials.

USD 257 is intent on complying with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We will take whatever steps are necessary to insure that your children and our employees have a healthy, safe environment in which to learn and work.

A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours. All inquiries regarding this plan should be directed to our Asbestos Program Manager:

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