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## Memorandum for Parents, Faculty, and Students

Subject: Annual Asbestos Notification

In 1986, Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) primarily to require school districts to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and develop a management plan. In 1987, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program, which enforces the AHERA.

In compliance with the AHERA regulation, Joplin Schools had their facilities inspected by an EPA accredited building inspector. During the inspections, samples were taken of building materials suspected of containing asbestos. The results of the inspections and laboratory analysis of the samples have confirmed the presence of ACM in portions of the schools facilities. It is important to note that these materials are in a form and condition that does not pose an imminent health threat to students, faculty or patrons.

In compliance with AHERA, Joplin Schools has developed a management plan for each of their facilities. Based on inspections, the school district prepared, and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings, safely and responsibly. AHERA requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. AHERA requires a triennial inspection.

This memorandum is to inform you that the AHERA Management Plan including inspection reports, periodic surveillance records, triennial inspections, and other asbestos related activities and documents are available for your review. If you are interested in reviewing a management plan please ask for it in the office of each building.

Respectfully,



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