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## ANNUAL NOTICE ON ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING

In compliance with AHERA (**Asbestos** Hazard Emergency Response Act), the Penn Hills School District would like all families to be aware of the following updates:

1. During the month of January 2018, Linton custodial, all PHSD maintenance, and all PHSD utility personnel participated in training specific to asbestos awareness, and each was certified. As a note, only Linton custodians were selected due to the age of our middle school.
2. On May 31, 2018, John Walsh (Plant Manager) consulted with the Deputy Director of EPA to discuss areas of concern at Linton Middle School. That same day, representatives from the Allegheny County Health Department visited Linton and inspected the entire site. Three areas of concern were identified, none of which is accessible to students. These areas were immediately restricted to staff, and physical samples were taken.
3. Air quality testing in the same three areas was initiated on June 1, 2018 by Environmental & Safety Training, Inc.
4. Air quality results were negative, but physical samples were positive for asbestos in the three areas of concern at Linton.
5. Abatement in the three areas occurred August 2-6, 2018 by Hometown Renovations, a certified asbestos removal contractor.
6. Air quality testing continued during and after abatement. All results were negative for asbestos.
7. The three areas in question at Linton were cleared for full access August 10, 2018.
8. Additional asbestos was identified in the Linton tunnels on September 6, 2018 while work was being done on the plumbing for the Linton dishwasher. This asbestos was abated within 24 hours and after students and staff had left for the day. Allegheny County Health Department cleared ongoing work after the abatement.

Specific to **Lead**, PSI (Professional Service Industries, Inc.) visited all three schools in the PHSD January 19-20, 2018 to collect water samples from 122 water fountains, 68 faucets, and 1 hose bib at Linton (due to age of the building). Three samples at Linton drew concern, and all three areas (2 handwashing sinks + 1 utility sink) were re-sampled on March 23, 2018. The lead concentration in each sample, (including initial and subsequent), was deemed to be within EPA guidelines, with no further action required.

Related testing documents have been uploaded to the PHSD website at the following: <https://tinyurl.com/ychy5c6m> . The District will continue to provide updates at least annually as is required by the EPA.

We thank for your support of District efforts aimed to keeping our students and staff safe and in good health.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Nancy J. Hines  
Superintendent