

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AHERA ANNUAL WRITTEN NOTICE For School Year 2019- 2020

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

Prior to the late 1970's asbestos was a commonly used building material because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retardant properties. Virtually any building constructed before this time contained some asbestos materials. Intact and undisturbed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers (friable ACBM). If those 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 required schools to be inspected to identify any Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) or suspected ACBM. The law further required when ACBM was found the School must develop a comprehensive asbestos management plan. The Hopewell Valley Regional School District developed a plan and conducts re-inspections every three years and periodic inspections every six months to determine the condition of any known or assumed ACBM as required by law.

Hopewell Valley Regional School District employ the services of a professional asbestos management firm for all asbestos related activities.

- 2019-2020 Asbestos Management Firm: PARS Environmental
- Three Year Asbestos Management Plan: PARS Environmental (December 2016)
- Six Month Surveillance Inspections: Fall 2018 and Spring 2019

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