



St. Barnabas School  
WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

DATE: August 1, 2019  
TO: Parents, Teachers and all other School Employees  
FROM: Mrs. Elaine Gaffney  
RE: Notification Letter Concerning Asbestos Content & Management Plan

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected and identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contain at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We ,too have buildings that contain asbestos material. The primary concerns arise when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

Our school has been inspected and some asbestos containing materials were identified in our building. The materials are distributed in various locations and include floor tile, pipe insulation and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Our school's Inspection Report and Management Plan outlines in detail the methods used to maintain the materials in a safe manner. In addition, as required by law, appropriate school staff members have been trained to administer this program.

A copy of the inspection report and management plan is on file at our school office for review if you so desire.

The following asbestos work has been completed at St. Barnabas this summer: None

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elaine Gaffney  
Principal