

PUBLIC NOTICE
Asbestos Awareness
Griffin School District #324

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating, sound absorbing and fire-retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which required schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). This act also mandated that each District must appoint a "Designated Person" who is responsible for the implementation of the regulations put forth in this legislation.

As the District Designated Person, I am informing you that the only asbestos remaining in our buildings is three areas of flooring in the maintenance shop and storage buildings. These buildings were moved on site sometime in the late 1940s, early 1950s and have served many functions over the years. The asbestos in these areas has been covered and poses no risk to employees and students do not use the buildings.

In 1989, Griffin School District conducted an initial inspection of all buildings to identify materials containing asbestos, and a management plan was developed to determine the best course of action for each material: remove, repair or manage in place. Following the initial inspection, the District conducted Periodic Surveillance of any asbestos remaining every 6 months and a complete re-inspection every 3 years.

In subsequent years, Griffin went through two major construction projects. As a part of these projects, all asbestos containing materials were removed and all classroom buildings on site are certified Asbestos-Free.

A copy of the management plan is available for review in the Facilities Office, Room 402A in the Griffin Middle School.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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