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TO: Students, Parent, Faculty, Staff and Building Occupants
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Re: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

In 1986, President Reagan signed into law the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). This legislation required all public and private schools to be visually inspected by accredited inspectors. Following the inspection, the information was used to develop an Asbestos Management Plan for each school. The Management Plan provides information of the inspection, test results, priorities and response action strategy in a manner to protect human health and the environment. Woburn Schools were inspected and the Management Plan was developed prior to the July 9, 1989 deadline. The Management plan was submitted and serves as the reporting document to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as required by the Legislation.

Re-inspections, as mandated, have been performed by accredited inspectors in 1992, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022 and 2025.

Utilizing a stringent operations and maintenance program, all asbestos containing materials are kept in good condition and the School Department has taken steps and actions to assure the safety of all occupants.

All reports are available at both the Central Administration Office and at individual school offices. The plans are available for public inspection. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you