

**ANNUAL NOTIFICATION to Parents & Staff
DISTRICT ASBESTOS PROGRAM SUMMARY**

October 2025

TO: Parents and Employees

RE: The Possible Presence of Asbestos Building Materials within District Facilities

DATE: October, 2025

The Institute for Environmental Assessment was requested by the Mason City Community School District to review and prepare an asbestos management plan identifying the presence of asbestos within District school buildings. The Institute's federally certified inspectors, planners, public health, and engineering consultants worked in conjunction with school administrative personnel to identify asbestos-containing building products. In addition, the Institute for Environmental Assessment has performed a re-inspection in September of 1991 as required by the AHERA regulations. In August of 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2022, and 2025 a three year re-inspection was completed as required by federal AHERA regulations. Asbestos is a mineral fiber that can be released from *damaged* material and is associated with increased levels of disease if inhaled. The risk rating procedures which the institute used in commenting on the asbestos were developed in conjunction with national experts in the area of industrial medicine, toxicology, industrial hygiene, and engineering. After reviewing the characteristics of our district's buildings during the re-inspection, we prepared an updated management plan for each building, a copy of which is maintained along with the initial plan at the administration office for each major building describing the asbestos plan and intended response.

The district implemented its management plan as of October of 1988, and has been conducting a six-month periodic surveillance of all asbestos-containing building materials. This periodic surveillance and the re-inspection are conducted to provide a continuous assessment to assure safety conscious management of asbestos-containing materials. As new building projects or renovations take place, any asbestos materials are removed and disposed of as required by AHERA regulations. All new construction or renovations in the district are completed with asbestos free building materials.

The detailed plan and updated information for each building, or for the entire district, is open to public review by appointment. If you have any questions, please contact the District's Asbestos Program Manager, Jessie Bollinger, 641-450-5029.