

Dear Parents, Students and Staff:

September 25,2009

Asbestos is an issued we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (now referred to as AHERA) was enacted recently in Congress. AHERA was enacted to determine the problems schools may have with asbestos and to develop solutions to these problems.

To give you some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and Russia. Asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulation, sound absorption, decorative plaster, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. In 1973 there were over 3,000 different products made from asbestos products. Most uses of asbestos products for building material were banned in 1978 when asbestos was determined to be a potential health hazard.

In 1989 our school was inspected and is re-inspected every 3 years by a certified asbestos inspector required by AHERA. The inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of suspected asbestos materials in our facility. The records of the inspection and the laboratory analyses were turned over to a certified asbestos management planner and an asbestos management plan was developed.

St. Matthew School – Cedar Rapids

Contains both friable and non friable ACBM, and both  
Suspected ACBM, assumed to ACM, and confirmed ACBM.  
(All of these areas in the school are encapsulated.)

Our efforts to meet AHERA regulations include this notification letter, education and training of our facility employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for removal, repair, and surveillance of asbestos containing material.

Mark Hogan, of CFM Environmental Inc., is our Asbestos Program Manager. A copy of the asbestos management plan which he developed is available in our administrative offices and at CFM Environmental Inc., 999 Country Drive, Suite 6. Dubuque, Iowa. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to CFM Environmental Inc. at (563) 583-0808.

We have implemented an asbestos management plan. It is our intent to comply with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan to take all necessary steps to insure that your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Wolf, Principal  
St. Matthew School