

PUBLIC NOTICE

PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT, SAU28 59A MARSH ROAD, PELHAM NH 03076

AHERA NOTICE

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. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems, such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, Pelham School District, has conducted a re-inspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. At the last re-inspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and found to be in good condition.

The law further requires an asbestos management plan (AMP) to be in place by July 1989. Pelham School District developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements; publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified or assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

The following buildings contain no asbestos-containing building materials; therefore, no operations and maintenance programs or future inspections are required: Pelham Elementary School, 61 Marsh Road, and Pelham High School, 85 Marsh Road. During the past year, asbestos containing building materials have been identified in Pelham Memorial School, 59 Marsh Road as part of pre-construction inspections and the District's triennial inspection. At this inspection, all materials listed in the Management Plan for Pelham Memorial School as asbestos containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and found to be in good condition. Periodic surveillance of known asbestos in Pelham Memorial School is performed every six months by a designated person to assess the condition of the ACBM. Six-month assessment results are maintained and are also available for review in the AMP. During the next year, we plan to conduct the following asbestos-related activities at the following school buildings: At Pelham Memorial School, 59 Marsh Road, during the renovation project the remaining asbestos containing building materials will be removed.

It is the intention of the Pelham School District to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the asbestos management plan, in the school district administrative office during regular business hours, or through the Pelham School District website, www.pelhamsd.org, select Department: Facilities, select Asbestos compliance. Brian Sands, Director of Facilities, is our designated asbestos program coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the asbestos plan and asbestos-related issues should be directed to him at bsands@pelhamsd.org or 603-635-9173.