



Southern Columbia Area School District

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Asbestos Notice

Almost everyone recognizes the physical changes that occur in our schools. Among these changes is an item that is of the utmost importance to all of us- asbestos. The AHERA Federal law (Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act) mandates that all of our District facilities receive an intense inspection to locate, identify and deal appropriately with the various types of asbestos that may have been used in the construction of our buildings.

Asbestos in the Southern Columbia Area School District buildings include:

Plaster ceilings in the shower rooms;
Fume hood in the Chemistry Lab and
Floor tiles in the GC Hartman Elementary School Kitchen Office area.

These areas are monitored periodically for damage or deterioration and repaired as necessary. Floor tiles are monitored and maintained in such a manner as to protect the tiles from incidental damage. Ceilings will also be monitored as will the Chemistry fume hood.

Each building Principal has on file the type, amount and location of any asbestos- containing materials within that building. This "Management Plan" of identification and appropriate handling has been approved by the Board of Education and is available for review to the public upon request.

The Southern Columbia Area School District has maintained an extensive and aggressive asbestos management plan to protect the health and welfare of its students and staff as well as the community members who use School District facilities. We will continue to serve the occupants of our buildings as part of our commitment to provide a safe environment for the academic advancement of our youth and community.