

To: Parents and Employees
RE: The Presence of Asbestos within District Buildings
Date: July 2011

The Institute for Environmental Assessment was requested by Corning Community School District to review and prepare an asbestos management plan identifying the presence of asbestos within the District 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 performs a reinspection every three years as required by the AHERA regulations. Asbestos is a mineral fiber associated with increased levels of disease when 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 District buildings during the reinspection, we prepared an updated management plan for each building, a copy of which is maintained along with the initial plan at the central district office and also in the administrative office for each major building describing the asbestos plan and the intended response. It is available for public review.

Asbestos is dangerous only when it is broken loose from building material into fine, dust-like fibers and inhaled. We are pleased to inform you that the District has continued to respond to the asbestos in schools issue in a cautious and proactive manner.

The District will continue with its ongoing asbestos operation and maintenance program including periodic surveillance (to be conducted in the fall and spring by our personnel), for the following schools:

- Corning Elementary School
- Corning Junior High School
- Corning High School Buildings
- Corning Vocational Ag Building

With the implementation of the District's Asbestos Management Plan on July 12, 1993 we also conducted asbestos abatement activity in the following buildings:

Response Action:

1. Periodic surveillance of floor tile.
2. In addition, as required by AHERA, a three year re-inspection has been conducted in the following buildings:
 - Corning Elementary School
 - Corning Junior High School
 - Corning High School Buildings
 - Corning Vocational Ag Building

Please rest assured that the District's ongoing efforts related to the management and control of asbestos-containing materials are geared singularly toward providing a safe and healthy environment for students, employees and other occupants.

If you have any questions, or would like to review the management plans and updated materials, please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office.