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Dear Parents:

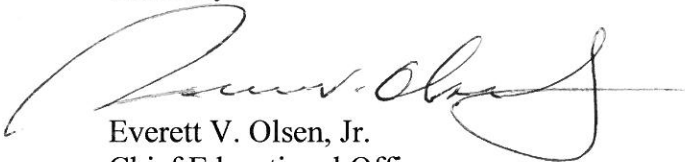
In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). That law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing materials (ACM). The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based upon the findings of the inspection, which outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our schools.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing. We, to, have buildings that contain asbestos materials. The primary concern arises when these materials begin to deteriorate or become damaged.

The Merrimack School District contracted with Hall-Kimbrell Environmental Services to bring our schools into compliance with the AHERA regulations. The inspection of our schools is complete, and some ACM were identified in our buildings. The materials are distributed in various locations and included floor and ceiling tiles, pipe insulations, and mechanical areas not readily accessible to building occupants or students.

Our Management Plan is in effect. It outlines in detail the methods we are using to maintain the materials in a safe manner. It also includes a schedule for the phased removal of these materials as applicable. The Merrimack School District has removed all identified ACM from all schools except floor tiles. This plan will be updated from time to time as required by AHERA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Everett V. Olsen, Jr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Everett V. Olsen, Jr.
Chief Educational Officer