

# USD 315 COLBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Students, & Employees:

Asbestos is an important issue we have been dealing with (and will continue to deal with) for years. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA) to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

To give you some background information, asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that was mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and the former republics of the Soviet Union. Asbestos' properties made it an ideal building material for insulating, sound absorption, decorative plasters, floor tiles, fireproofing, and a multitude of miscellaneous uses. Over 3,000 different products have been identified as being made using asbestos-containing material. In 1973, the Environmental Protection Agency began limiting usage of asbestos-containing products in building materials. By 1978, asbestos-containing products were banned.

We continually have our facilities re-inspected by a certified asbestos inspector from Precision Environmental Services of Wichita, Kansas. Initially, the inspector located, sampled, and rated the condition and hazard potential of all material in our facilities suspected of containing asbestos.

Using the certified inspection report (which included laboratory analysis records), Precision Environmental Services has developed a certified Asbestos Management Plan for USD 315. This plan includes: this notification letter, education/training of our employees, procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of the asbestos-containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of asbestos-containing materials.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for inspection in all of our administrative offices during regular office hours. All inquiries regarding the plan may be directed to Precision Environment Services (316-265-0012), 1405 S Mosley, Wichita, Kansas 67211.

We actively implement this asbestos management plan. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state and local regulations in this area. We plan on taking whatever steps necessary to insure that you have a safe environment in which to send your children and a healthy place in which to work.

Sincerely,

Katina Brenn  
Superintendent