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PRINCIPAL



STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

HILO UNION SCHOOL

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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Parents/Guardians:

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. In February 2001, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 11-502 was adopted by the Hawaii State Legislature.

Both laws require all primary and secondary school buildings to be inspected by AHERA accredited inspectors and to identify all asbestos-containing building materials. The rule further requires the development of a management plan by and AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The Management Plan outlined our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school. It also requires us to notify parents, teachers and employees of the presence and the status of asbestos-containing materials in our school buildings.

The initial inspection of our school was conducted in August 1988 and identifies some asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, school personnel has conducted periodic surveillance and re-inspections to ensure that the asbestos-containing materials remain in good condition and do not pose a hazard to our students and staff.

Beginning in June 2009, our school underwent a Whole School Renovation project. The asbestos-containing materials identified in the August 1988 report have been removed. The Department of Education has also authorized a re-inspection of all schools under the Management Plan and was completed in February 2011. This re-inspection allowed for the re-testing of all building materials initially suspected of containing asbestos and identifying those that were replaced during the renovation project.

The documents outlining the removal of the asbestos-containing materials is a part of our Management Plan. The re-inspection confirming the removal is a part of the plan.

A copy of the Management Plan is on file in the administrative office and is available for your review during our regular school hours.

Should you have questions, please contact the school at 933-0900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bryan Arbles".

Bryan Arbles
Principal

Cc: OBS Safety & Security Services Section