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FRANCINE COSS, SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents/Guardians,

February 21, 2021

I am writing to provide you with the required notice regarding asbestos in Thomaston Public Schools facilities. In accordance with section 19a-333 (1-13) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, "Asbestos-Containing Material in Schools," the Thomaston Board of Education is required to inform you that asbestos-containing materials have been identified in our schools, primarily in maintenance areas not accessible to students. The material that remains is included in the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Program. The O&M Program is designed to prevent the release of asbestos fibers through proper cleaning, maintenance and repair habits. The O&M Program will remain in effect until all asbestos-containing building material (ACBM) is removed from our schools.

While there is no ACBM currently requiring removal, please know that each school building is inspected twice a year (every six months) to determine any changes in the conditions of the ACBM. Additionally, each school building is inspected every three years by a licensed Connecticut asbestos inspector; this inspector follows the same basic inspection criteria as was employed in the original inspection years ago. Environmental Testing and Consulting, a safety and environmental health consultant service accredited as a licensed asbestos inspector through the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) and the State of Connecticut is scheduled to perform the next three-year inspection in December 2023. Thomaston Public Schools maintains a complete, updated copy of each school's Asbestos Management Plan (AMP).

Additionally, each school maintains its own copy of a complete, updated AMP. These AMPs are available for review during normal business hours by appointment. George Newsome, Jr. is the Thomaston Public Schools AMP Coordinator and can be contacted by calling 860-283-3036, extension 12134.

Sincerely,

Francine Coss
Superintendent

Cc: Thomaston Board of Education
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