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**FRANCINE COSS, SUPERINTENDENT**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

November 30, 2022

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. Spencer Luthy is the Thomaston Public Schools AMP Coordinator; he can be contacted by emailing [sluthy@thomastonschools.org](mailto:sluthy@thomastonschools.org).

Sincerely,

Francine Coss  
Superintendent

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