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Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents and Guardians,

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which mandated the Asbestos-Containing Materials in School Rule, 40 CFR Part 763. It requires 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 an AHERA accredited management planner that is based on the findings of the inspection. The management plan outlines our intent in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

In February 2001, the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-502, was adopted by the Hawaii Legislature. These rules essentially mirror the requirements of the AHERA regulations. In both cases, the rules require the school to notify parents, teachers, and employees of the presence and status of asbestos material in our school buildings.

Since the school-wide renovation in 2007, only a handful of rooms had asbestos-containing materials. Since that time, we continue to conduct 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. If discrepancies are identified they are reported to appropriate personnel and are remedied.

An asbestos management plan was drafted based on our initial inspection and submitted to the Department of Health. It outlines in detail the methods we use to maintain the material in a safe manner. The management plan is updated regularly as asbestos is removed or conditions change.

Should you have any questions, please call the school at 808-305-9000.

Sincerely,

Scott Hamilton
Vice Principal
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