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ANNUAL NOTICE  
PLEASE POST

To: Amherst, Pelham and Regional Parents, Students, and Staff  
From: Helen Vivian and Alton Sprague, Co-Superintendents  
Re: School District Compliance with Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA)

Several years ago, the schools were surveyed as required by Federal regulations then in effect regarding “friable” asbestos. (That is, asbestos containing materials which would crumble to the touch). Any asbestos identified at that time was either removed or encapsulated. In the summer and fall of 1988, all schools were again surveyed for the presence of asbestos in any form in accordance with recently enacted regulations under Federal AHERA legislation. The AHERA regulations were more comprehensive and intended to identify “non-friable” as well as “friable” asbestos, and to assure its ultimate removal or encapsulation.

An Asbestos Management Plan was developed for each school by a consultant certified in asbestos abatement work and abatement work was carried out in accordance with this plan. All work was monitored and supervised by the Department of Labor and Industries (Division of Occupational Hygiene), and carried out in compliance with numerous safeguards to ensure the safety of students and staff. Each school’s Asbestos Management Plan is located in the Principal’s office where it is available to interested parties for review.

Thank you.