OXFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT (AHERA)

2019 NOTIFICATION

SEPTEMBER 2019

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that each year, district workers and building occupants receive notification about asbestos activities such as response actions and inspections. The purpose of this correspondence is to meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos related activities that have been conducted at Oxford Community Schools during the last year.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

In 1988, Clayton Environmental conducted inspections in each Oxford Community School building to determine the presence of asbestos-containing materials. The results of these inspections were incorporated into individual building Management Plans.

Each building’s Management Plan is located within the Administrative Office within each individual school building with a copy of the Management Plan located at the Maintenance Department. The Management Plans are available to members of the public for review. If interested in reviewing any of the District’s Management Plans, please contact the Maintenance Department at (248) 969-5055.

As a result of Oxford Community School’s recent Bond Issue passage, the District contracted with an environmental consulting firm, Nova Environmental, Inc. to conduct updated asbestos inspections within our buildings. The intent of the updated inspections was to provide a more in-depth evaluation of the presence and location of asbestos within our buildings in support of Bond Issue renovation activities.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The AHERA regulation requires surveillance of the condition of asbestos-containing material (ACM) every six months and Reinspections every three years. The Reinspections are scheduled to be conducted in October, 2020. The next Periodic Surveillance will be scheduled for later this year. Once completed, the Reinspections and Periodic Surveillances will be incorporated as part of the Management Plans.

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

As a result of renovation activities within our District, asbestos abatement was performed in the crawl space of Leonard Elementary School this past Spring and in various locations within Daniel Axford Elementary School during this Summer. The asbestos removal included, but was not limited to, insulation materials, plaster ceiling material and flooring material.

Oxford Community Schools used only Michigan Licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractors to perform the asbestos removal and the District’s environmental consulting firm to conduct air monitoring during the asbestos abatement activities. All documentation associated with asbestos abatement will be incorporated into the Management Plans and shall be available to the public for review.

Questions regarding asbestos removal projects or any asbestos related issues can be addressed by Mr. Tony Sarkins, Director of Maintenance for Oxford Community Schools at (248) 969-5055.