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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY
RESPONSE ACT (AHERA) RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

This memorandum is to inform you that since last year's notice, a substantial number of asbestos abatement projects have been completed, in coordination with planned facilities renovation projects, and maintenance activities. The documentation referencing these abatement projects, together with the required six-month inspection, and three-year re-inspection are being added to each school's management plan. A copy of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Management Plan is available for public and outside vendor inspection in each school and/or facility. The management plan includes information regarding the identification and location of asbestos containing materials at the facility. A complete library of AHERA Management Plans of every school and/or facility is located at the Environmental Health & Safety Department, 4200 N.W. 10th Ave., Oakland Park, FL 33309.

Refrain from Disturbing Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). All maintenance employees, facilities service persons, and outside vendors working on the building's physical structure, i.e., floors, base, walls, ceilings, plenum spaces, HVAC systems, and electrical systems, are to refrain from disturbing, performing any work on, or abatement of Asbestos Containing Building Materials.

Be advised that AHERA requires removal of asbestos containing materials prior to any renovation or maintenance activities that will disturb the asbestos. The Environmental Health & Safety Department may need to schedule an asbestos abatement at your facility during the course of the year to remove these materials prior to maintenance or renovation activities.

Additionally, AHERA requires that all maintenance and custodial staff, who may work in a building that contains ACBM, receive an Asbestos Awareness Training of at least 2 hours. New custodian and maintenance employees shall be trained within 60 days after their initial hire date.

The Environmental Health & Safety Department provides this training. Please check the **Professional Development website** <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/39932> for more information.

If you have any questions related to asbestos at your facility, **please contact the District's Asbestos Project Manager, Occupational Health/Environmental Control in the Environmental Health & Safety Department at 754-321-4200.**