

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS

Dear Parents, Employees, and Patrons:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986, referred to as AHERA, was enacted by Congress in 1986. AHERA was enacted to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos.

Sublette USD 374 has all of our buildings inspected by iSi Industrial Services out of Wichita, Kansas, twice annually. The contract with iSi includes planning, inspection, and the management plan. iSi has found asbestos at the elementary, the high school, and in the South Gym.

The asbestos in the elementary building is in the floor tile throughout the building. This floor tile is classified as non-friable (cannot be easily crumbled) and is completely covered by carpeting. Therefore, it can be “managed” without removal. Asbestos has also been found in several pipe fittings located in the basement and not accessible to students or staff.

The middle school contains no identified asbestos.

The high school has non-friable asbestos in the floor tile throughout the building, which is also covered by carpet and can be “managed” without removal. There are also several pipes and fittings which also contains non-friable asbestos. These connectors are wrapped and therefore can be “managed” without removal.

There are two areas in the South Gym which have non-friable asbestos. The main entrance doors & windows to the auditorium and pipe fittings located in the South Gym. The entrance door is painted and the pipes and fittings are wrapped so these, too, can be “managed” without removal.

The district has appointed Bob McMullen & Amy Ball as our “designees” for supervising, inspecting, and removing, if necessary, any asbestos within our buildings.

Each building and the district office have a copy of the asbestos “management plan”. This plan is available for your inspection should you feel any need to examine it. We intend to fully comply with all relevant EPA and OSHA regulations in order that our children and employees will not be endangered. We will also keep you advised of any actions we may take regarding asbestos in any of our school buildings. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please convey them to myself, Bob McMullen, or Amy Ball.

Respectfully,



Rex Richardson, Superintendent