



October 23, 2018

Re: Compliance with AHERA Act

Dear Parents, Faculty & Staff of St. Joseph School,

St. Joseph School consistently adheres to all federal, state and local regulations regarding the welfare and safety of our students and families, including regulations relating to asbestos management within the school.

Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) in 1986, which requires that all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan, based on the findings of the inspection, which would outline the school's intended plan of action in controlling the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in the school, with a three year re-inspection of the buildings, and a six-month surveillance period to check the condition of all asbestos-containing materials.

It is a fact that, in the past, asbestos was used in building materials because of its insulating and fire retardant capabilities. Therefore, virtually any structure built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos in pipe insulation and structural fireproofing.

Our most recent in-depth inspection of St. Joseph School has been completed, and any suspected asbestos-containing materials identified in our building meet or exceed the AHERA standards for containment or encapsulation, and will continue to be monitored above the standard required by law.

A copy of the management plan is on file, and you may address any questions to Mr. Rucker, our designated Asbestos Manager at St. Joseph School.

Please keep in mind that we will always exceed the standard when it comes to the safety of our children and families at St. Joseph Parish and School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Denise Rutledge
Principal