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TO: Parents and Staff of Belmont Public Schools

FROM: John P. Phelan, Superintendent of Schools 

DATE: December 12, 2014

RE: Notification of Asbestos Reinspections and Management Plan Availability

In compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act (AHERA), in 1989 we performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in the Belmont Public Schools Central Office.

The EPA requires us to perform reinspections of the asbestos materials every three years. The most recent reinspections occurred between August and December 2014, by accredited asbestos inspectors. The reports were finalized and provided to the Belmont Public Schools in December 2014. An accredited management planner reviewed the results of the inspections and recommended actions we should take to safely manage any asbestos material in our buildings.

The inspections indicated that there were no significant changes to the condition of the vast majority of asbestos containing materials in our buildings. However, the following changes and recommendations were noted:

- At Belmont High School, one of the interior fire doors was damaged and should be replaced.
- At the White Field House, insulation in the boiler room was damaged and should be removed or encapsulated.
- At the Butler Elementary School, part of the linoleum flooring in the attic was damaged and should be removed; also, part of the ceiling plaster in the basement electrical room and in the third floor auditorium and adjacent storage room was damaged and should be removed or encapsulated.

We are scheduling the work to be performed in order to implement the recommendations of the accredited inspectors. The remaining materials are in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place, as recommended by the accredited management planner.

The results of the reinspection are on file in the management plan in the Belmont Public Schools Central Office and are available for public viewing. Copies the reports are also on file in each respective school building. Our Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Fred Domenici, is the district's designated individual for asbestos management. Any questions regarding asbestos in our buildings may be referred to Mr. Domenici at 617-993-5437.