

AHERA COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

July 13, 2021

St Helen School
5086 Burkhardt Rd
Riverside OH 45431

Dear Parents, Teachers, Building Occupants and Employee Organizations:

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its exceptional insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retardant capabilities. Virtually, any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some form of asbestos. Intact and undisturbed, asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk to building occupants. Risk levels increase when damage, deterioration over time or neglect causes asbestos fibers to become released into the air. These fibers can lead to chronic health problems in some individuals if inhaled.

In 1986, the United States Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) which required (and continues to require) schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials in buildings owned, operated or otherwise used for school purposes. During these original inspections, materials were located, sampled, quantified and ranked according to the hazards observed. Every three years, that same regulation requires St Helen School to have a re inspection of the materials previously identified to determine whether the condition of those materials have changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the asbestos-containing building materials. The date of the last re-inspection for our school was May 1, 2019. ATC Associates Inc of Cincinnati, Ohio is scheduled to perform this re-inspection during the month of May 1, 2022.

Further, AHERA required that an initial Management Plan be generated and active for each school building by July 1989. The plan is a compilation of all inspection data generated, required compliance notification, abatement projects, training of employees and short-term workers and six month periodic surveillance events. St Helen School developed a plan as required. This document is available for review and is located in the maintenance building. The school has a designated person who is responsible for AHERA compliance work. This individual is Matt Osterfeld and can be contacted at 937-256-1761 ext 103. During the past year, asbestos-containing materials were removed from various areas of the school building. Asbestos containing material was removed from the Title I Classroom and Primary Building Teacher Lounge from Alloyd Asbestos. All documentation has been updated in our management plan.

It is the intention of **St Helen School** to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a safe and healthy environment in which to learn and work. Should you have additional questions or comments concerning asbestos, the School's Management Plan or any other safety and health need, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

We look forward to a successful, safe and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Christine D Walters