

Asbestos Public Notice 2021-22

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection of Asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing materials. GFW Public Schools has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law. As a matter of policy, GFW Public Schools shall continue to maintain safe and healthful environment for our community’s youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the State approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Federal law requires a periodic walk through (called “surveillance”) every six months of each area containing asbestos. The law also requires all buildings to be re-inspected every three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by Musser Environmental, Inc.

Short term workers (outside contractors-i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

GFW Public Schools has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos –containing materials found in that school building. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the District Office, who will establish contact with our Health and Safety Director, Dave Sellner.