



# **Denville Township Schools**

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**Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Staff:**

Each year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires notification to parents, teachers, and other school employees of the response actions taken to safely maintain the asbestos containing materials (ACM) in our schools. As you may know, "asbestos" is a generic term for six naturally occurring fibrous minerals, which have been widely used in construction and friction materials because of their excellent insulative and resilient qualities.

When ACM begins to deteriorate, it becomes friable, a condition in which individual asbestos fibers can be released into the air, be breathed in by people, and potentially increase the risks to human health. Although all epidemiological evidence suggests that only heavy, occupational exposures to asbestos fibers over long periods of time (20+ years) lead to health effects, the EPA and the Denville School District are committed to eliminating asbestos fiber exposures within school buildings. To accomplish this, we've engaged the services of an environmental consulting firm.

New Wave Environmental, Inc., Environmental Consultants, completed the district's 3 year inspection in July 2019. In addition, every six months a periodic re-inspection is conducted as per AHERA regulations. Copies of all semi-annual inspection reports are filed in the district's Asbestos Management Plan, located in the Board Office, which you are welcome to review any time during normal business hours.

Sincerely,

**Damaris Gurowsky**  
**Business Administrator/Board Secretary**