**Asbestos Notice** 

August 2018

**District Patrons:** 

In 1986, Congress passed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building materials because of its insulating and fire retardant capabilities. Virtually any building built before the late 1970's contains at least some asbestos. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began action to limit uses of asbestos products in 1973, and most use of asbestos products as building materials was banned in 1978.

The AHERA law requires all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to be inspected to identify any asbestos-containing building materials. The law further requires the development of a Management Plan that is based upon the finds of the certified inspection and to outline our intent to control the potential for exposure to asbestos fibers in our school.

Our last certified inspection took place in September 2016, and the North Platte School District is in full government compliance. Our tri-annual re-inspection will take place in 2019. We are intent on not only complying with, but exceeding federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan to take whatever steps are necessary to insure your children and our employees have a healthy, safe environment in which to learn and work.

A copy of the AHERA Management Plan is on file in all North Platte School District school's front offices and in the central office at 212 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Dearborn, MO for your review during regular office hours.

Sincerely

Karl G. Matt Superintendent of Schools