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TO: School Principals
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FROM: Kelly L Giacopello, Director of Buildings and Grounds

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SUBJECT: Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (*AHERA*)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (*AHERA*) is the primary Federal Legislation governing the maintenance of any asbestos-containing building materials in school buildings. *AHERA* requires an annual notification be provided to building occupants informing them of the presence of asbestos-containing materials in school buildings.

As was noted in past years, and during the recent renovation projects, the amounts of asbestos containing materials which remain in the school buildings have been reduced. However, caution must still be exercised if any asbestos-containing materials are disturbed and proper procedures must be employed when doing so. To be sure, all Custodian and Maintenance Staff receive their annual asbestos educational training each and every year.

The Asbestos Inspection and Maintenance Reports for Westborough Public Schools (WPS) are available for review in WPS's offices located on the 3rd floor of the Forbes Building at 45 West Main Street, Westborough, MA 01581 or through the Principal's office at each individual school.

As Director of Buildings and Grounds, I serve as the *AHERA*-mandated Designated Person to oversee all asbestos-related activities and inspections for Westborough's Public School buildings. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Best regards,

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