

# *De Sales School*

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Dear Parents, Students, and Staff:

Asbestos is an issue we have been dealing with for many years. The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act of 1986 (now referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the problems schools may have with asbestos and to develop solutions to these problems.

To give some background, asbestos has been used as a building material for many years. It is a naturally occurring mineral that is mined primarily in Canada, South Africa, and Russia. Asbestos properties made it an ideal building material for insulation, sound absorption, decorative plaster, fireproofing, and a variety of miscellaneous uses. In 1973 there were over 3,000 different products made from asbestos products. Most uses of asbestos products for building material were banned in 1978 when asbestos was determined to be a potential health hazard.

We have our facility inspected every three years by a certified asbestos inspector as required by AHERA. The inspector locates, samples, and rates the condition and hazard potential of suspected asbestos materials in our facility. The records of these inspections and laboratory analyses were turned over to a certified asbestos management planner and an asbestos management plan was developed.

De Sales School contains suspected asbestos containing building materials assumed to be asbestos containing materials.

Our efforts to meet AHERA regulations include this notification letter, education and training of our facility employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plan for removing, repair, and surveillance of asbestos containing materials.

Mark Hogan of CFM Environmental, Inc. is our Asbestos Designated Person. A copy of the asbestos management plan that he developed is available in our offices and at CFM Environmental, Inc., 5170 Wolff Road, #2, Dubuque, Iowa. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to Mark Hogan at CFM Environmental at (563) 583-0808 or 1-800-369-0379.

We have implemented the asbestos management plan. It is our intent to comply with federal, state, and local regulations in this area. We plan to take all necessary steps to ensure that your children and our employees have a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Therese Suzuki, Principal